



President Barack Obama speaks at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, Thursday, May 15, 2014, in New York. The president praised the new Sept. 11 museum on Thursday as “a sacred place of healing and of hope” that captures both the story and the spirit of heroism and helpfulness that followed the attacks. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

# Obama Dedicates 9/11 Memorial Museum

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NEW YORK - President

Barack Obama on Thursday dedicated the long-awaited museum commemorating the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, with a mournful elegy to the victims, a stirring tribute to the heroes and a firm resolve to never let terrorists shatter the spirit of America. “No act of terror can match the strength or the character of our country,” Obama said.

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# Veterans Secretary angered by long waits for patients

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**WASHINGTON** - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki told lawmakers Thursday that allegations waiting lists for medical care at veterans hospitals had

hearing Thursday. But he declined to say whether he would remove any of his senior managers over the claims.

The ranking Republican on the panel, Sen. Richard M. Burr of North Carolina, told Shinseki that "VA leader-

ship either failed to connect the dots, or failed to address this ongoing crisis." Sanders, in opening remarks before Shinseki's testimony, said the allegations were very serious. But he added, "If we are going to do our jobs in a proper

and responsible way, we need to get the facts and not rush to judgment."

"There has been a little bit of a rush to judgment," he said. The Department of Veterans Affairs has been criticized for years about the long wait times for treatment, and for having no foolproof system for holding hospital administrators accountable for the delays. So last year, the department took a step intended to strengthen its oversight of part of the system: It established a goal for new patients seeking primary care to be seen within 14 days of calling for an appointment, with the date of that request logged into a computer file so that it could be tracked. That policy is one element of a controversy over whether veterans hospitals in Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming and elsewhere have used off-the-books waiting lists or other artifices to hide how long it took for veterans to see doctors, with delays extending for months.

With new reports of al-

leged waiting-list manipulation emerging almost daily, some Republicans in Congress have joined the American Legion in calling for Shinseki to resign.

A major factor behind long waiting periods for care, outside experts and department officials agree, is that demand for primary care has risen sharply in recent years, fueled not only by younger veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan but also by a tide of Vietnam-era veterans, many with complex health problems relating to both their age and their military service.

Yet amid that rising demand, the department has been unable to maintain enough primary care doctors to keep pace in some locations. According to the department, the number of primary care visits in the system rose by 50 percent during the past three years; the number of new nurses and other staff members increased a similar amount, but the number of full-time primary care doctors rose by only 9 percent. □



**Erik Shinseki, the Veterans Affairs secretary, testifies at a Senate hearing in Washington, May 15, 2014. Responding to allegations that some hospitals were using off-the-books wait lists to hide the scope of delays veterans faced, Shinseki acknowledged isolated incidents under investigation but denied that the department leadership had evidence of systemic problems.**

(Gabiella Demczuk/The New York Times)

been manipulated "makes me mad as hell."

But he also said that he was aware of only isolated evidence that faked or off-the-books lists were created to cloak long delays that some veterans have faced to see doctors.

Asked by Sen. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, whether department employees were "quote unquote cooking the books," Shinseki replied that he was aware of only "a number of isolated cases where there is evidence of that."

"But the fact that there is evidence in a couple of cases behooves us to take a thorough look," Shinseki told the committee.

Shinseki, a former four-star Army general who has been the only veterans affairs secretary during the Obama administration, faced tough questions about the waiting-list controversy from senators at a

## Flare-up keeps San Diego fire situation tenuous

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**SAN MARCOS, California**  
(AP) — Calmer winds allowed firefighters to make progress on nine fires burning in the San Diego area as one of the most serious blazes suddenly roared Thursday afternoon burning close to homes, triggering thousands of new evacuation orders.

Growing flames raced along scrubby hillsides near the city of San Marcos as massive black plumes filled the afternoon skies after a half-day lull in winds that had allowed firefighters to gain ground against flames that have scorched thousands of acres this week.

Ash laden smoke limited visibility to a few feet at times in the inland suburban community.

On one semi-rural street,

five horses wandered nervously in a paddock as firefighters worked to protect nearby homes and barns.

Sheriff Bill Gore said the flare-up prompted more than 13,000 new evacuation notices in the San Mar-

cos area and served as a "reminder to everybody just how volatile this can be." □



**A Riverside firefighter covers the face of another firefighter as they work a wildfire Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Escondido, Calif. One of the nine fires burning in San Diego County suddenly flared Thursday afternoon and burned close to homes, triggering thousands of new evacuation orders.**

(AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

# Obama Dedicates 9/11 Memorial Museum

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Obama spoke to a crowd that included family members of those slain and other invited guests in the cavernous underground hall of the National September 11 Memorial Museum.

"Like the great wall and bedrock that embrace us today," he added, "nothing can ever break us. Nothing can change who we are as Americans."

The president's remarks highlighted a somber ceremony at the new institution marking the worst foreign attack on U.S. soil, one that shocked the world and ushered in a new era of fear, war, determination and clashes of values while redefining America's place in the world. Surrounded by the twisted and graffiti-inscribed steel remnants of New York's twin towers, the president and the other guests vowed never to forget.

Former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg played host for the event, joined by a plethora of other major figures from the region, including Govs. Chris Christie of New Jersey and Andrew Cuomo of New York, Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Gov. George Pataki.

Outside, flags were at half-staff on the memorial plaza, where bronze panels bear the names of the nearly 3,000 people who perished in New York, Northern Virginia and Pennsylvania on Sept. 11, and in the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

Inside, the event was held in the museum's Foundation Hall, 70 feet beneath ground level, at bedrock, with around 700 invited guests attending.

Obama, solemn and quiet, used his remarks not to talk about the events that followed that day, the wars he has tried to end and the policies he has reshaped but continued. Instead, he too focused on the victims who perished in flames and smoke and those who tried to save them.

"Here we tell their story, so that generations yet unborn will never forget, of co-workers who led others to safety," he said.

He singled out the heroism of a young man with a red bandanna who helped save people in the south tower before it collapsed. His identity was long unknown until months later when his mother read an article about the mysterious savior with the red bandanna

the attacks, said he was invited but could not make it because of a scheduling conflict.

Obama's remarks were crisp and short. He was given just three minutes on the program, although he took nine, an unusually short speech for a president at such a high-profile event. But he was not the main focus of the day. In addition to the political figures, survivors and relatives

the presence of their loved one, in a very real way," she said.

"I walked with Pat through the World Trade Center so many times, and I feel like I am walking with Pat again. It's a good feeling, a little bit sad, but a good feeling."

As for Obama, he was a state senator in Illinois on the day of the attacks. In his book, "The Audacity of Hope," he recalled hearing

took from it a mission to tackle terrorism around the world and protect America from any further attack, it fell to Obama to inherit the wars that followed when he took over the Oval Office in 2009.

With Michelle Obama, Bloomberg and the Clintons, Obama toured the exhibits beforehand, stopping to stare at photographs of victims mounted on a wall, examining a battered New



President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, and Diana Taylor, tour the Memorial Hall at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, Thursday, May 15, 2014, in New York.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

na and recognized him. He was Welles Crowther, 24.

"He had a big laugh and a joy of life and dreams of seeing the world," Obama said. "He worked in finance, but he had also been a volunteer firefighter. And after the planes hit, he put on that bandanna and spent his final moments saving others."

Joining Obama for a tour of the museum before the ceremony were former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. A spokesman for former President George W. Bush, who was in office on the day of

of victims told their stories in videos projected on the wall or from the podium - including Alison Crowther, who was Crowther's mother, and Ling Young, who was among those he saved that day.

Eileen Fagan, whose sister Patricia died on the 98th floor of the south tower, also attended the ceremony. Some of her sister's remains have been identified, and she chose to leave part of them in a specially built medical examiner's repository at the site, which is separated from the museum by a wall.

"Everyone here can feel

about the first plane hitting the tower while listening to the radio in a car on the way to a legislative hearing in Chicago.

By the time he arrived, the second tower had been hit and the government office in Chicago was evacuated.

"Up and down the streets, people gathered, staring at the sky and at the Sears Tower," he wrote. "Later, in my law office, a group of us sat motionless as the nightmare images unfolded across the TV screen."

While he was not seared by the experience in the same way as Bush, who

York Fire Department ladder truck and passing a wall engraved by a Virgil quote: "No Day Shall Erase You From the Memory of Time."

He called it "a profound and moving experience," and he noted that one of the items on display was a red bandanna that once belonged to Welles Crowther.

"And from this day forward," Obama said, "all those who come here will have a chance to know the sacrifice of a young man who, like so many, gave his life so others might live." □

# Fast-food protests spread across US, overseas

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**AP Food Industry Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Labor organizers turned up the pressure on McDonald's and other fast-food chains to raise worker pay on Thursday, with plans to stage actions in more than 30 countries.

The demonstrations build on a campaign by unions to bring attention to the plight of low-wage workers and get the public behind the idea of a \$15-an-hour wage.

Industry groups say such pay hikes would hurt their ability to create jobs and note that many of the participants are not workers.

The protests are being backed by the Service Employees International Union and began in New York City in late 2012. Since then, organizers have steadily ramped up actions to keep the issue in the spotlight.

In March, for instance, law-

suits filed in three states accused McDonald's of denying breaks and engaging in other practices that deprive employees of their rightful pay. Workers were referred to lawyers by union organizers, who announced protests over "wage theft" the following week.

Organizers say workers went on strike in 150 U.S. cities on Thursday, including 20 at a restaurant in St. Louis that had to temporarily close as a result. But turn-outs have varied and the scope of actions planned for overseas also differed depending on the country. In Denmark, McDonald's worker Louise Marie Rantau said a collective agreement with McDonald's in the country prevents workers from protesting the chain. Rantau, who earns about \$21 an hour under the agreement, said she and others planned to



Fast food workers and supporters protest low wages outside a Krispy Kreme store, Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Atlanta. Calling for higher pay and the right to form a union without retaliation, fast-food chain workers in Atlanta protested Thursday as part of a wave of strikes and protests in 150 cities across the U.S. and 33 additional countries on six continents.

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demonstrate outside Burger King or other restaurants and post photos on social

media. Images on social media showed workers demon-

strating in places including Dublin and Sao Paulo, Brazil. □



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# Judge strikes all Arkansas bans on gay marriage



Kristin Seaton, center, of Jacksonville, Ark., holds up her marriage license as she leaves the Carroll County Courthouse in Eureka Springs, Ark., with her partner, Jennifer Rambo, left, of Fort Smith, Ark., in Eureka Springs, Ark. Gay marriages quickly resumed in Arkansas on Thursday after a state judge whose previous order had sown confusion among county clerks expanded his ruling to remove all vestiges of same-sex marriage bans from the state's laws.

(AP Photo/Sarah Bentham)

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**LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)**

— Gay marriages quickly resumed in Arkansas on Thursday after a state judge whose previous order had sown confusion among county clerks expanded his ruling to remove all vestiges of same-sex marriage bans

from the state's laws.

The Arkansas Supreme Court had said Wednesday that a law that kept clerks from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples remained on the books, despite the ruling last week by Pulaski County Circuit Judge Chris Piazza that declared gay marriage bans unconstitutional.

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Piazza revised his order Thursday, saying no one in the state was harmed by the 456 marriage licenses issued to same-sex couples after his order and until the Supreme Court ruled. He rejected the state's request to put his decision on hold, saying gay couples would be harmed by that action.

## \$40K in cash found in used couch

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**NEW PALTZ, New York (AP)**

— For all the screaming and carrying on, their neighbors thought they'd won the lottery. But it was a lumpy old sofa stuffed with \$40,000 in cash that had three young roommates raising a ruckus.

And here's the other side of the ticket: They returned the money to the 91-year-old widow whose couch had been given away.

"We just pulled out envelopes and envelopes," said Cally Guasti, a social worker with Family of Woodstock who shares an apartment with two friends in New Paltz, 75 miles (120 kilometers) north of New York City. "My mouth was literally hanging open — everybody's was — it was an unfathomable amount."

Guasti told The Associated

Press on Thursday that she and her friends had bought the beat-up couch and a chair for \$55 at a Salvation Army thrift shop in March. They noticed the arm cushions were weirdly lumpy. Then, one night in April, one of them, student Reese Werkhoven, of New York City, opened a zipper on one arm and found an envelope.

It contained \$4,000 in bubble-wrapped bills.

Guasti, Werkhoven and roommate Lara Russo opened the other arm zipper and started mining the treasure stashed inside. They counted it up: \$40,800. "We put it all on a bed," Guasti said. "We laid it all out and started counting. And we were screaming. In the morning, our neighbors were like, 'We thought you won the lottery.'"

Later on, Guasti found a

deposit slip with a woman's name on it. Werkhoven called her the next morning.

"She said, 'I have a lot of money in that couch and I really need it,'" Guasti said. They drove to the home of the woman,

who turned out to be the elderly woman. She cried in gratitude when they gave her the cash she had hidden away.

The woman's family had donated the couch to the Salvation Army while she was having health problems.

Guasti said the three had considered the option of keeping the money, but decided they couldn't do that.

"At the end of the day, it wasn't ours," Guasti said. "I think if any of us had used it, it would have felt really wrong." □

"Constitutional violations are routinely recognized as triggering irreparable harm unless they are promptly remedied," Piazza wrote. The attorney general has again turned to the state Supreme Court for help. Seventeen other states allow gay marriage. Judges have struck down bans in Idaho, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

But in Idaho, plans for same-sex marriages to begin Friday were put on hold as the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considered whether the governor and attorney general should have more time to file an appeal a judge's ruling overturning its state ban.

Arkansas voters had added

a gay marriage ban to the state's constitution in 2004, the same year Ohio voters voted to define marriage as between one man and one woman. Gay marriage supporters delivered a petition with thousands of signatures to Ohio's attorney general Thursday, urging him to drop an appeal of a federal court decision tossing out the state's ban on same-sex marriages.

Lawyers for Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett said Thursday that the state's 1996 ban should remain in place despite a request by a lesbian couple for recognition of their Massachusetts marriage.

In Arkansas, the clerk in Pulaski County, which includes Little Rock. □

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## 2016 Election: Business elite doubts Christie's prospects

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**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — As Chris Christie fights to recover from scandal, elite Republican business leaders may be close to dismissing him as a serious contender for U.S. president in 2016. They say the New Jersey governor may not be able to recover from the traffic scandal ensnaring his administration.

knowledge they've been forced to look elsewhere for a business-friendly presidential contender. Christie, as the popular Republican governor of a Democratic-leaning state, had been considered a front-runner in the race for his party's presidential nomination before the bridge scandal broke. The party's conservative tea party wing was reluc-

ference. The event drew hundreds of financial industry executives — many prominent Republican donors among them — to Las Vegas this week. Earlier in the day, Christie signaled his interest in a presidential bid in unusually strong terms while appearing at a Washington fiscal summit. Asked if he's thinking of running in 2016 and when he'll make a de-



**New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie answers questions from Bob Schieffer of CBS News at the 2014 Fiscal Summit organized by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation in Washington, Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Lawmakers and policy experts discussed America's long term debt and economic future. (AP Photo)**

State and federal officials are investigating an apparent political retribution plot within the Christie administration that caused massive traffic delays last year at the foot of the George Washington Bridge, which connects New Jersey to Manhattan and is one of the world's busiest bridges. Christie has fired several senior aides and denied direct prior knowledge of the incident. Discussing his White House ambitions in Washington on Wednesday, Christie dismissed the controversy as "a footnote" in his political future. Shortly afterward, Republican donors gathered for a hedge fund conference in Las Vegas shared a decidedly pessimistic view of the governor's presidential prospects. Even self-proclaimed Christie fans said his political brand probably has suffered permanent damage, and they ac-

tant to embrace him, but he was particularly popular among the less ideological financial industry executives who pump tens of millions of dollars into presidential campaigns every four years. But the controversy undermined the image Christie had been building as a pragmatic politician willing to reach across party lines. The town most affected by the gridlock was Fort Lee, whose mayor had not endorsed Christie for re-election. Thomas Norris, chief investment officer at Michigan-based NFI Advisors, compared Christie's repeated denials to those of President Richard Nixon, who resigned after years of claiming no involvement in the 1970s Watergate scandal. "Is it enough to tarnish his chances? It sure is," Norris, a Republican, said during a break at the annual Skybridge Alternatives con-

cision, Christie said, "Yes, and later." By then, Christie said, the traffic controversy "will be a footnote." He told reporters, "There hasn't been one suggestion that I knew anything." Interviews with more than a dozen business executives Wednesday revealed that many maintain positive feelings for the tough-talking governor, but most have lost confidence in his ability to win. The bridge controversy is "an overwhelming issue he can't overcome," said Rick Rodgers, vice president and director of the Innovest investment firm. Lars Soderberg, chief marketing officer at Independence Capital Asset Partners, said he was interested in a prospective Christie presidential bid — before the scandal, at least. "That bridge thing — it may be fatal," Soderberg said. "No one will forget." □

## American homebuilder confidence slips in May

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U.S. homebuilders are feeling less confident this month in their near-term sales prospects, reflecting doubts stirred by a sluggish start to the annual spring home-selling season.

Even so, builders are more optimistic that sales will perk up later this year. That would bode well for home construction, which slowed early this year as severe winter weather dampened sales in many markets.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Thursday fell to 45. That's down one point from a revised reading of 46 in April and the lowest level in 12 months.

Readings below 50 indicate that more builders view sales conditions as poor rather than good. The overall index has been below 50 since February.

"Builders are waiting for consumers to feel more secure about their financial situation," said David Crowe, the NAHB's chief economist. "Once job growth becomes more consistent, consumers will return to the market in larger numbers and that will boost builder confidence."

Many analysts have been expecting an improving economy and job market to lift the housing market, which has been recovering the past two years. But housing has struggled to maintain momentum.

The spring home-selling season, which typically sets the pattern for residential hiring and building construction in the ensuing months, got off to a lackluster start this year.

U.S. sales of new homes are running 13 percent below last year's pace. They slowed in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 384,000, down from 443,000 a year earlier. The March figure represents the lowest rate since last July, when sales cratered after mortgage interest rates spiked.

Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes also fell in March, sliding to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.59 million, the lowest level since July 2012.

Several of the nation's biggest homebuilders have said that sales were held back in the first three months of the year by the severe winter weather that battered much of the U.S. Rising prices and higher mortgage interest rates also have deterred some homebuyers, particularly first-time buyers. Others have had trouble qualifying for mortgages.

Still, many builders also saw demand accelerating last month, stoking expectations that sales will rebound this summer.

That optimism is reflected in the latest NAHB index, which is based on responses from 278 builders. □



**Pete Christman installs a remote control for a fan in a new home in Pepper Pike, Ohio. The National Association of Home Builders reported a dip in sentiment among U.S. builders on Thursday, May 15, 2014. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)**

## US Financial Front:

# Fewest Americans in 7 years seek unemployment aid

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level in seven years last week, a sign the job market is steadily improving.

Weekly unemployment benefit applications dropped 24,000 to 297,000,

ers are cutting fewer jobs. Weekly applications topped 650,000 in March 2009, during the Great Recession.

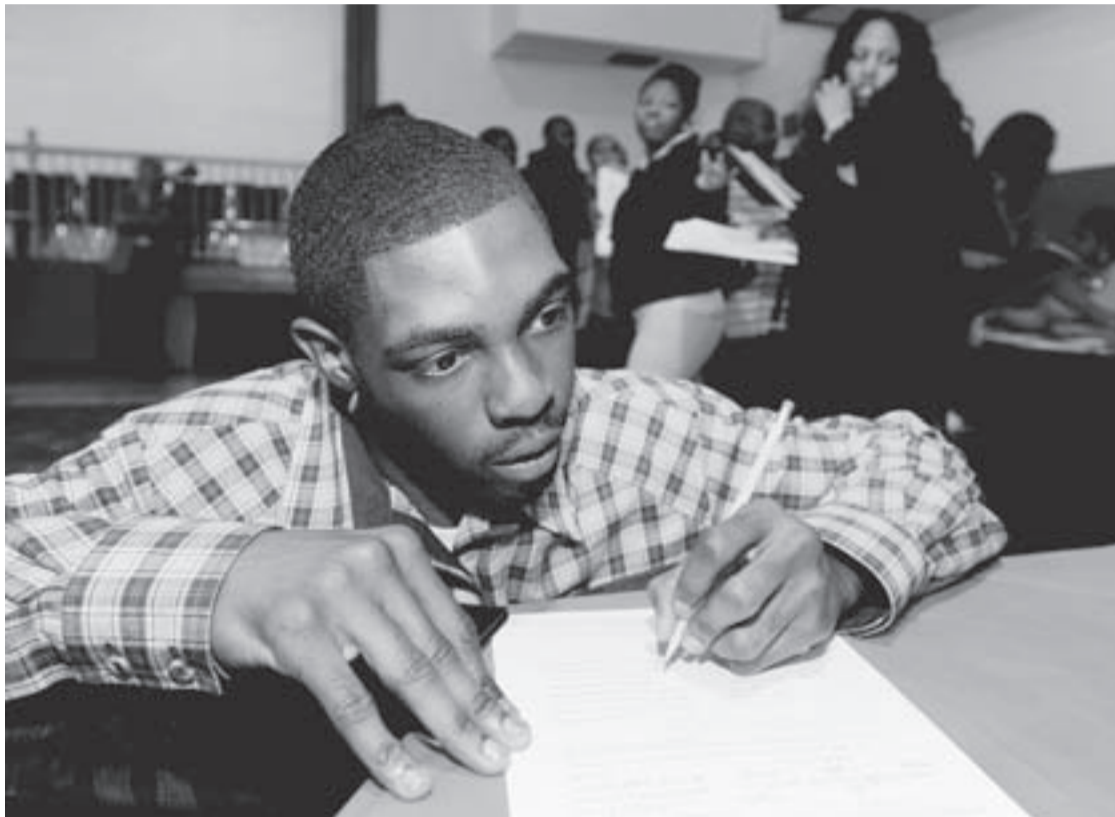
Fewer people are also receiving benefits each week. The number of recipients fell to 2.67 million, the fewest since Dec. 1, 2007, when the recession began.

The unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent last month, from 6.7 percent. But the drop occurred because fewer people looked for work. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are actively searching.

The improved hiring may help boost economic growth for the rest of the

Data released since then has suggested that the economy actually contracted in the first quarter by as much as 0.8 percent, analysts say. The government will release updated figures for the first quarter at the end of the month.

Still, analysts expect the economy will rebound in the current April-June quarter and grow at a healthy pace of about 3.5 percent. Consumer and business spending and homebuilding are rebounding from the cold weather. □



Davon Tremble, of Detroit, fills out an application at a job fair at the Matrix Center in Detroit. The Labor Department reported the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week on Thursday, May 15, 2014. (AP Photo/The Detroit News, David Coates)

the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since May 12, 2007. The four week average, a less volatile measure, dipped 2,000 to 323,250.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs, so the decline is evidence that employ-

As applications have declined, hiring has picked up. Employers added the most jobs in 2 ½ years in April. Job gains have averaged 214,000 in the first four months of this year, up from an average of 194,000 in 2013.

year. The economy grew just 0.1 percent at an annual rate in the first three months of this year, largely because cold weather kept consumers away from shopping malls and discouraged home and car sales.

## At A Glance:

### How states fared on unemployment claims

The Associated Press

The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits fell to the lowest level in seven years last week, a sign the job market is steadily improving. Applications dropped 24,000 to 297,000, the fewest since May 12, 2007, the Labor Department said. Here are the states with the biggest increases and decreases in applications. The data is for the week that ended March 1, one

week behind the national figures:

States with the biggest decreases:  
NEW YORK: Down 20,637, due to fewer layoffs in transportation and warehousing, restaurants, and education  
CALIFORNIA: Down 3,713, due to fewer layoffs in services  
New Jersey: Down 2,565, due to fewer layoffs in hotels, restaurants, transportation and warehousing,

and retail  
CONNECTICUT: Down 1,609, no reason given  
MASSACHUSETTS: Down 1,277, due to fewer layoffs in education  
States with the biggest increases:  
PENNSYLVANIA: Up 1,403, due to layoffs in construction, restaurants and manufacturing  
TEXAS: Up 1,147 due to layoffs in manufacturing, finance, retail and health care □

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# GM recalls 2.7M more cars; industry on record pace

**TOM KRISHER**  
AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — General Motors' efforts to root out lingering safety problems across its wide range of cars and trucks has produced another big recall — and highlights a sudden shift at GM and throughout the industry toward issuing recalls instead of avoiding them.

The nation's largest automaker announced a total of five recalls covering 2.7 million vehicles Thursday. The biggest involves 2.4 million midsize cars from model years 2004 to 2012 with brake lights that can fail.

GM acknowledged it knew about the brake light problem as early as 2008. That year it issued what's known as a technical service bulletin, but that only required dealers to offer to fix the problem if the owner became aware of it. Such bulletins typically cover problems an automaker considers minor, and avoid the larger cost of a recall. But a driver's safety could be jeopardized by un-



This photo shows a key in the ignition switch of a 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt in Alexandria, Va. U.S. General Motors' efforts to root out lingering safety problems across its wide range of cars and trucks has produced another big recall.

(AP Photo/Molly Riley)

knowingly operating a car with a defective part. In announcing the recall, GM said the brake light problem has been tied to 13 accidents and 2 injuries. GM launched a top-to-bottom safety review after recalling 2.6 million small cars earlier this year for

## By the numbers: General Motors' recalls

The Associated Press

On Thursday, General Motors Co. announced five new safety recalls covering 2.7 million vehicles in the U.S. Here's a by-the-numbers look at GM's recalls so far this year:

Number of vehicles GM has recalled in the U.S. this year: 11.2 million

Number of recalls: 24

Biggest recall: 2.6 million older-model small cars, including the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion, for defective ignition switches. (2.2 million in the U.S.)

Smallest recall: 355 Buick, Chevrolet and GMC vehicles from the 2014 model year for a transmission defect that was caught in the pre-production phase.

Record year for GM recalls: 2004, with 11.8 million vehicles recalled.

GM recall costs so far this year: \$1.5 billion

Loaner cars provided by the company so far: 52,000

U.S. industry recalls in 2014: 15.4 million

Most U.S. recalls after GM in 2014: Toyota, with 2.9 million

Record year for recalls in U.S.: 2004, with 30.8 million

Sources: The Associated Press, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, GM

the ignition switch problem. Documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that neither the company nor the government sought a recall to fix the brake light issue despite 1,300 consumer complaints and more than 14,000 warranty claims as of February of last year.

The agency said in a statement Thursday that an investigation it opened into the problem last year influenced GM's decision to recall the cars.

Jeff Boyer, GM's newly appointed safety chief, said GM now will recall cars as soon as it sees a safety problem. The company, he said, has added 35 safety investigators to its team as it sifts through records looking for cars that should have been recalled earlier. "We're not waiting for warranty trends to develop over time," he said. "GM has now recalled more than 11 million cars and trucks in the U.S. so far this year, close to its annual recall record of 11.8 million set in 2004.

The auto industry also is on track to set a single-year record for U.S. recalls. Companies have recalled 15.4 million vehicles in a little more than four months, according to government records. The old single-year record for recalls is 30.8 million vehicles in 2004. Toyota, Ford, and Chrysler also have announced sizeable recalls this year.

Industrywide, automakers are moving faster to fix problems than they have in the past in a bid to avoid bad publicity and record fines from government agencies.

"All manufacturers are recalibrating their recall programs to go from 'if in doubt, don't recall' to 'if in doubt, recall,'" said Clarence Ditlow, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety. Earlier this year, the Justice Department made Toyota pay a \$1.2 billion penalty and admit to concealing problems with unintended acceleration in its cars and trucks. □



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faulty ignition switches. GM knew about that problem for at least a decade, issuing service bulletins years before it started to recall the cars. The switch problem, which can unexpectedly shut down a car's engine, has been linked to at least 13 deaths and has prompted multiple investigations, including one by the Justice Department. "These additional recalls

underscore how important it is to keep the pressure on GM to make sure the company is being as transparent as possible," said Sen. Clare McCaskill, D-Missouri, who heads a Senate subcommittee looking into GM's handling of the ignition switch problem. The recalls could also add to scrutiny of federal safety regulators, who were criticized for their handling of



In this photo taken Wednesday, May 14, 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Orenburg region governor Yuri Berg in the Bocharov Ruchei residence in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia. Russia will only deliver gas to Ukraine only if it pays in advance starting from next month, President Vladimir Putin said in a letter released Thursday, raising the pressure on the struggling neighbor.

(AP Photo/Mikhail Klimentyev)

#### VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia has ratcheted up pressure on Ukraine, with President Vladimir Putin saying in a letter released Thursday that it only will deliver gas to its struggling neighbor next month if it pays in advance.

Putin first warned of the move in April in a letter to European leaders whose nations are customers of Russian state-controlled Gazprom natural gas giant. He said that Moscow would switch to pre-paid deliveries if Ukraine, which serves as a major conduit for Russian gas supplies to Europe, failed to start settling its mounting gas debt. In the second letter released by the Kremlin Thursday, Putin said that a meeting involving Russian, Ukrainian and the European Union officials has failed to settle the issue.

He said that Ukraine's gas debt to Russia has kept rising and reached \$3.5 billion, even though Ukraine has received \$3.2 billion bailout from the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund.

"Given the circumstances, the Russian company has issued an advance invoice for gas deliveries to Ukraine, which is completely in accordance with the contract, and after June 1 gas deliveries will be limited to the amount prepaid by the Ukrainian company," Putin said in the letter.

The move is part of Russia's efforts to retain control over its struggling neighbor, which has been teetering on the verge of financial collapse and facing a mutiny in the east, where pro-Russian separatists seized administrative buildings, fought government troops and declared two regions independent following Sunday's referendum.

In his letter, Putin sought to cast the move as a purely economic decision, saying that Russia is "still open to continue consultations and work together with European countries in order to normalize the situation."

"We also hope that the European Commission will more actively engage in

## Putin: Ukraine must pay cash for gas

the dialogue in order to work out specific and fair solutions that will help stabilize the Ukrainian econo-

my," he added.

Ukraine has said it could start paying off the debt if Moscow restores the gas

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## Grief and rage swell as Turkey buries their dead

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**Associated Press**

**SOMA, Turkey (AP)** — With photos of their loved ones pinned to their chests and chanting the names of lost miners, grieving relatives laid their dead to rest in mass burials Thursday, as gravediggers labored to make room for scores more victims of Turkey's worst mining disaster.

"The love of my life is gone," women wailed loudly, swaying and singing improvised laments about the departed as bodies were lowered, one by one, into the freshly dug graves.

Rescue teams recovered another nine victims, raising the death toll to 283 from Tuesday's disaster, with at least 140 miners believed still trapped underground, according to government figures. Rage blended with grief as revulsion over poor safety conditions and what some perceived as government indifference set off protests across Turkey. "It's not an accident, it's murder," read a banner waved by trade unionists who marched through the streets of Istanbul.

The disaster has stirred up new hostility toward Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government and thrown his presidential ambitions off stride. Blackening his reputation further, Turkish newspapers published a photograph Thursday of one of Erdogan's aides kicking a protester who was being held on the ground by armed police.

At a graveyard in the mining town of Soma, where coal has been the main industry for decades, mourners said they spent their whole lives fearing a disaster like Tuesday's, in which an explosion set off a deadly fire just as workers were preparing

for a shift change, trapping hundreds underground. No miner has been brought out alive since before dawn Wednesday.

"The wives of the miners kiss their husbands in the morning.

When they come back, even if they are five minutes

ed a drop in carbon monoxide levels "which means that the fire has gotten smaller," Yildiz said.

Erdogan, who is expected to announce his candidacy soon for Turkey's presidential election in August, was greeted by angry protests during a visit to Soma

tions, insults and attacks that I was subjected to," he said.

In contrast, Turkish President Abdullah Gul, visiting Soma on Thursday, referred to the mine explosion as "a huge disaster," adding: "The pain is felt by us all."

The mood was more re-



**A soldier prepares a grave for a mine accident victim in Soma, Turkey, Thursday, May 15, 2014. An explosion and fire at a coal mine in Soma, some 250 kilometers (155 miles) south of Istanbul, killed hundreds of workers, authorities said, in one of the worst mining disasters in Turkish history. (AP Photo/Emre Tazegul)**

late, everyone starts calling, said 45-year-old Gulizar Donmez, whose husband and father are both miners and whose neighbor was among the victims. "You never know what is going to happen."

Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said the search for survivors was being hampered by a fire that had spread to a conveyor system — engulfing a 650-foot (200-meter) stretch of tunnel — but progress was made Thursday toward extinguishing it. Rescue operations have been suspended several times as fire created toxic fumes and too-risky conditions for rescuers.

Emergency crews detect-

on Wednesday after he referred to mining accidents as "ordinary things" that "happen all the time."

The Turkish leader was forced to take refuge inside a supermarket after angry crowds shouting "Murderer!" and "Thief!" — in a reference to alleged corruption — clashed with police.

An Erdogan aide, Yusuf Yerkel, was photographed kicking a protester being pinned to the ground by special forces police.

Yerkel issued a statement Thursday expressing regret, but also claimed he was provoked. "I am sorry that I was not able to keep calm despite all the provoca-

strained than during Erdogan's visit, though townspeople angry at what they said was the slow rescue operation shouted at him, demanding that more be done to reach possible survivors.

Erdogan has made no secret of his desire to become Turkey's first popularly elected president. His party swept local elections in March despite a corruption scandal that forced him to dismiss four government ministers and has also implicated him and family members.

Erdogan denies the allegations, saying they are part of a plot to bring his government down. □

## Riots in Vietnam leave 1 Chinese dead, 141 injured

**CHRIS BRUMMITT**  
**Associated Press**

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** — A 1,000-strong mob stormed a Taiwanese steel mill in Vietnam and hunted down Chinese workers, killing one, attacking scores more and then setting the complex alight, Taiwanese and Vietnamese authorities said Thursday, further inflaming tensions between Hanoi and Beijing as they square off against each other in the disputed South China Sea. It was the first deadly incident in a wave of anti-China protests triggered by Beijing's deployment of an oil rig in the long-disputed seas on May 1. Vietnam is angrily demanding that China remove the rig and has sent ships to confront it and a flotilla of Chinese escort ships, triggering fears of possible conflict. Taiwanese companies, many of which employ Chinese nationals, have borne the brunt of the protests and violence, which is posing a challenge to the authoritarian government, which prides itself on maintaining peace and security. Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said peaceful protests over the last few days were "legitimate," but that anyone involved in violence should be punished severely. Nervous Chinese expatriates were fleeing by land and air. Cambodian immigration police said 600 Chinese crossed into Cambodia over the land border in southern Vietnam on Wednesday, and that others were arriving Thursday. Taiwan's China Airlines was adding two additional charter flights from southern Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency. □



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## Venezuela protests heat up amid opposition rift

**JOSHUA GOODMAN**  
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Associated Press  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Venezuelan security forces arrested 105 people during a sweep of a busy Caracas avenue as protests against the government heated up amid a widening split within the opposition over whether to back possible U.S. sanctions.

The student-led protest Wednesday came a day after the opposition froze talks with President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government, saying dialogue was impossible after the arrest last week of more than 200 student protesters who had been camping for weeks outside the United Nations offices and three plazas in the capital.

Many political observers believe that by halting the talks, moderate opposition leaders were caving to pressure from their own radical base, which is fuming following the mass arrests and confusing statements about sanctions by the top U.S. diplomat to Latin America.

Roberta Jacobson, assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, testified last week in the Senate that some members of Venezuela's opposition are urging the White House to keep on ice a proposal to ban visas and seize the assets of Venezuelan officials who've committed human rights abuses during the past three months of unrest. Legislation to that end last week cleared a House committee with bipartisan support.

In a fiery exchange with Florida Republican Marco Rubio, Jacobson said the restraint is needed so as not to endanger the outcome of the talks and that opposition politicians at the negotiating table had explicitly asked the State Department for more time

before imposing any sanctions.

On Wednesday, Jacobson retracted her comment, telling reporters in Washington that she misspoke and that nobody participating in the dialogue had made such a request.

But her comments became a political hot potato for the opposition, with Ramon Guillermo Aveledo, the mild-spoken head of the Democratic Unity alliance, denying any such plea was made. Meanwhile, students and hardliners boycotting the talks seized on Jacobson's comments, and Aveledo's failure to call for sanctions, as proof of betrayal.

Divisions within the opposition had been apparent for some time, with moderates objecting to the timing of street protests in February just two months after the government prevailed in mayoral elections.

Key to the strategy of hardline groups looking to force Maduro's resignation is rallying international opinion against his government. But in contrast to the U.S., condemnation has been slow to materialize among governments in Latin America. Moderate leaders supported talks with the government.

"There's a clear division in the opposition about whether you play the game of politics or seek international intervention," David Smilde, an analyst for the Washington Office on Latin America, said in an interview from Caracas. Some members of the opposition acknowledge that sanctions would be counterproductive, possibly setting up the Obama administration to be blamed for Venezuela's economic troubles much as the U.S.'s half-century embargo against Cuba is used to bolster support for that country's communist government. □



Bolivarian National Guardsmen struggle with several women that try to stop the arrest of a demonstrator during clashes at an anti-government protest in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Members of Venezuela's opposition said Tuesday they may pull out of crisis negotiations with the government over what they consider an unjustified crackdown on recent protests.

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## Eurozone economy grows more slowly than expected

DAVID JOLLY

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**PARIS** - The European economy maintained its feeble overall growth in the first three months of the year, official data showed Thursday, as relatively strong performances by Germany and Britain were offset by continued weakness in France and a step backward by Italy.

Gross domestic product in the 18 nations that share the euro currency rose 0.2 percent from an identical increase in the previous quarter, which translates to an annual growth rate of 0.8 percent, Eurostat, the union's statistics agency, reported from Luxembourg. For the overall 28-member union, GDP grew 0.3 percent, for an annualized rate of 1.3 percent.

Germany's economy grew at a relatively robust 0.8 percent from the previous quarter, once again driving the eurozone forward; Britain, which is not a member of the single currency bloc, also grew 0.8 percent. But the French econ-



**An employee of Freudenberg Group, a manufacturer other machinery seals and other sophisticated products, operates a machine in a factory in Weinheim, Germany, May 14, 2014. Like many German firms, Freudenberg weathered the 2008 economic crisis well, and Germany as a whole is one of the only euro zone countries to fully bounce back from the crisis.**

(Ben Kilb/The New York Times)

omy stagnated, and Italy's declined 0.1 percent. That was a reversal for the Italian economy, which in the previous quarter had registered growth of 0.1 percent.

The eurozone's quarterly growth was only half the

0.4 percent that economists had been anticipating.

"There was a huge divergence between the region's economies," Jennifer McKeown, an economist in London with Capital Economics, wrote in a research note. But even the German growth figure was slightly misleading, she wrote, as it reflected a rebound from an earlier period when poor weather depressed output.

The current pace of growth in Europe "will do little to erode spare capacity or reduce deflation risks," she added. While the initial estimate Thursday is subject to revision, it does put Europe's pace of growth ahead of the United States for the first time in several years. The U.S. economy was slowed by unusually cold, wintry weather, and grew at an annual rate of just 0.1 percent in the January-March period, the

Commerce Department reported April 30; many economists expect the figure for the United States to be revised in the months ahead to show a decline. Japan, where the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has bet that a vigorous program of monetary expansion and reform will restart the economy, on Thursday reported that first-quarter GDP growth rose 5.9 percent at an annualized rate. A surge in consumer spending before a rise in sales taxes contributed to the gain.

Financial markets greeted the news tranquilly, with the euro down slightly at \$1.3658 and major European stock indexes little changed.

The Eurostat data showed that the economies of Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Estonia all contracted again after growing slightly in the final three months of last year.

Eurostat also reported final April inflation data for the eurozone, showing consumer prices rising just 0.7 percent from a year earlier, ticking up marginally from March's rate of 0.5 percent.

The combination of low inflation - "lowflation," as some analysts call it - and weak growth has raised concerns that the euro bloc could tip into outright deflation, further enfeebling the economy and increasing the stress on struggling borrowers and lenders.

The data released Thursday confirmed that six nations - Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Slovakia and Portugal - were experiencing declining prices.

Carsten Brzeski, an economist at ING in Brussels, said the data on growth and inflation would complicate life for the European Central Bank, which probably "would not be unhappy with some downward revisions to growth and inflation" as a means of justifying more aggressive monetary policy.

The president of the central bank, Mario Draghi, has "put the ECB into a corner from which it will be very hard to escape without new action," Brzeski said. Without signs of a solid improvement in growth and inflation, which would be "a rather unlikely scenario," Brzeski said, the central bank at its policy meeting next month would almost certainly have to take steps to stimulate the economy. With the European Central Bank's key interest rates already very low, there is not much scope left to employ rate cuts, the traditional monetary tool for bolstering growth and raising prices. □

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## Jamaica seeks solution to power stealing problem

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Jamaica's government said Wednesday it will form a committee with the local power company to seek solutions to the widespread theft of electricity. The joint committee was announced a day after political leaders expressed anger about the company's decision to slash the number of hours that power is provided to entire communities where electricity theft is rampant. Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller, who met with representatives of the Jamaica Public Service Co. on Wednesday, said the company has to find a way to deal with illegal connections without punishing customers who pay their bills. "Legitimate customers cannot be forced to suf-

fer for those who break the law," she said in a statement.

According to Simpson Miller, company officials expressed regret at not letting the government know about its plans to cut power to several communities. Senior utility official Gary Barrow has said the company was forced to cut hours that power is provided to neighborhoods where more than 70 percent of it is pilfered. He said the company has "tried everything" else to reduce theft.

But politicians said they believed the move violated the company's license. The government has a 20 percent stake in the Jamaica Public Service Co., the sole power distributor on the island. ☐



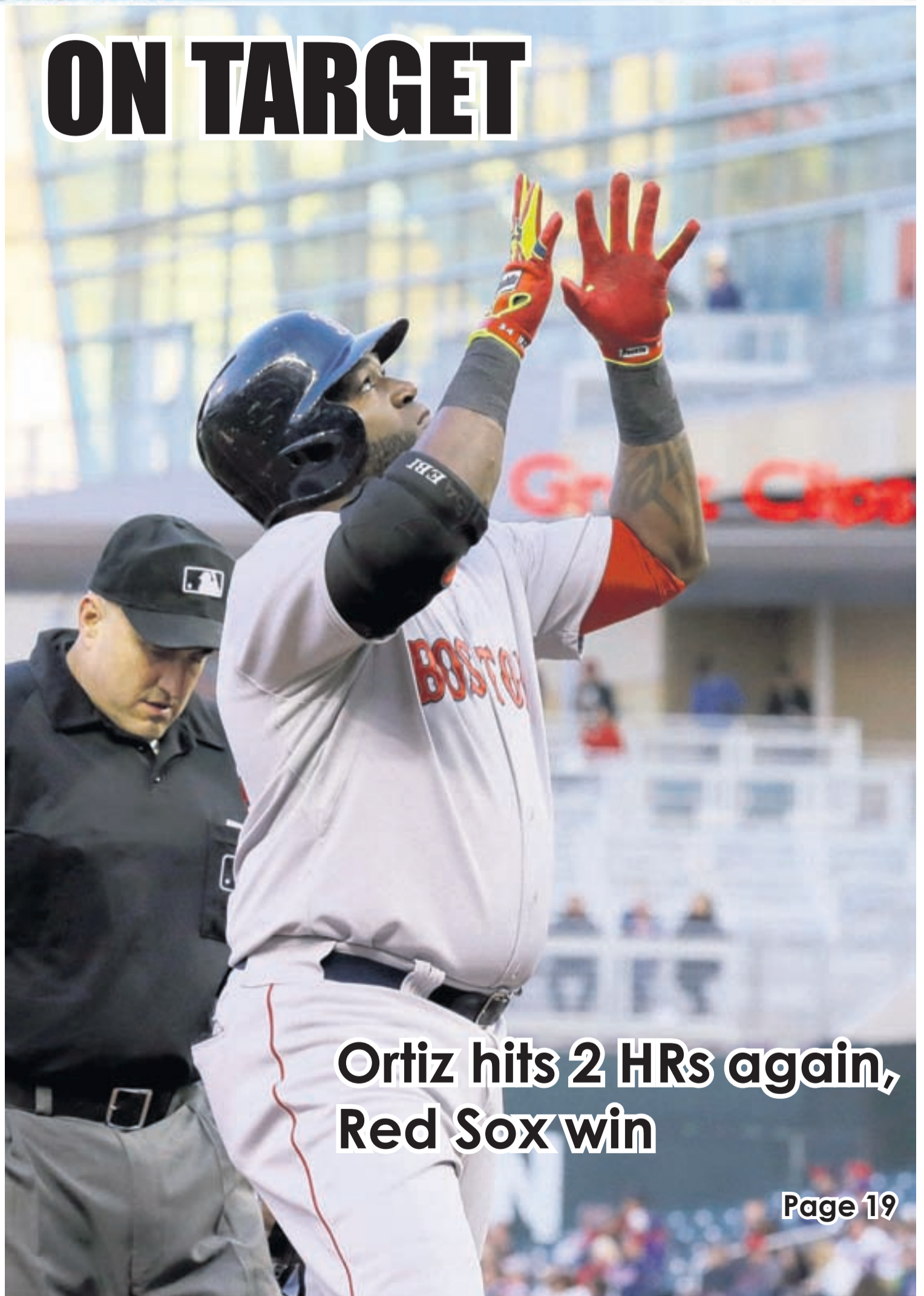
## Ex-NFL star charged in 2 more shooting deaths

**BOB SALSBERG**  
**PAIGE SUTHERLAND**  
**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Former NFL star Aaron Hernandez ambushed and gunned down two men after a chance encounter inside a night-club nearly two years ago, prosecutors said Thursday in an indictment that places the gun in his hands weeks before he signed a five-year, \$40 million contract. Hernandez was already jailed in connection with a man's 2013 shooting death and was indicted anew on two counts of first-degree murder and other charges in connection with the July 2012 killings of Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado. A third man was wounded in that attack. The arrest of Hernandez on a murder charge last year stunned the American sports world. Hernandez earned big money in his brief but promising career as a star for the Boston area's Patriots, one of the most successful teams in recent years in the National Football League, by far the most popular pro sports league in the U.S. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty in the killing last year of semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd, whose body was found in an industrial area near Hernandez's home in Massachusetts. He was released by the Patriots last summer after being arrested in Lloyd's death, and his attorneys said he looks forward to proving his innocence of the new charges. Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley would not say whether prosecutors suspected a link between the two cases beyond their accusations of Hernandez's involvement.

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# ON TARGET



## Ortiz hits 2 HRs again, Red Sox win

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Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz reacts after his solo home run off Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Kevin Correia during the third inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

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# Hanson leads Byron Nelson, 1 ahead of Duval

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**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Peter Hanson made his only back-nine birdie with a 6-foot putt at the 18th hole Thursday, closing out a 5-under 65 for a one-stroke lead over David Duval and two others after the first round of the Byron Nelson Championship.

Duval, ranked 890th in the world 15 years after being No. 1, birdied his last three holes — Nos. 7-9 — after pitching in from 57 feet for another birdie at the fifth hole.

Marc Leishman and Tim Wilkinson matched Duval at 66.

The 42-year-old Duval almost withdrew before the round because of a muscle issue in his right elbow that made it painful to hit balls and practice this week. About a half-hour before teeing off, he still wasn't sure that he was going to play because his arm was hurting again.

"I'm just glad I chose to tee off today, because I was seriously considering not," Duval said.

Martin Kaymer, The Players Championship winner Sunday, was among eight players at 67.



**Peter Hanson of Sweden hits off of the 18th fairway during the opening round of the Byron Nelson Championship golf tournament, Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Irving, Texas. Hanson finished the round at 5-under par.** Associated Press

Hanson made the turn at 5 under after shooting 30 on the front side. The Swede couldn't keep up the pace on the back nine at TPC Four Seasons that he hadn't played before Thursday because of travel

issues and a sore back. All six of Hanson's birdie putts were inside 10 feet. While Hanson, Duval and Wilkinson played afternoon rounds, Leishman was in one of the first groups out in the morning.

He had a tap-in birdie putt at the par-3 second hole. Leishman's only bogey, at the 431-yard fourth hole after missing the green, was sandwiched by a pair of birdies. The Australian hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulation in a round he described as "fairly stress-free for the most part."

It was Leishman's best-scoring round since an opening 66 at Torrey Pines in January when he was the runner-up with his second consecutive top-five finish. In eight tournaments since, he missed three cuts and his only finish in the top 30 was a tie for 23th at The Players.

When Duval finished his round, he had a share of the lead — until Hanson sank his final putt. Hanson didn't arrive in Texas until Tuesday after a canceled fight and has also been bothered by a sore back. Duval hasn't led the end of any round on the PGA Tour since the fourth of five rounds at Las Vegas in 2002. That was a year the last of his 13 PGA Tour wins at the 2001 British Open. He is playing his first Colonial since 2003 as a past champion on tour, a status

that provides only limited playing opportunities.

After his bogey on his 12th hole, the 528-yard third hole, Duval was even par for his round. He had the long pitch on No. 5, and a similar shot from 43 feet at the par-5 seventh hole started his closing birdie stretch. He sank putts of 3½ and 17 feet to finish.

Jordan Spieth had to birdie two of his last three holes for an even-par 70 at the course where he made the cut as an amateur at ages 16 and 17.

Spieth, now 20 and the eighth-ranked player in the world, had a double-bogey 6 after driving into the water at No. 3, his 12th hole. With a large gallery following him only four days after he was in the final group with Kaymer at The Players, the Masters runner-up from Dallas hit only four of 14 fairways and 10 of 18 greens in regulation.

Spieth was playing in the same group with defending Nelson champ Sang-Moon Bae, the South Korean who had an opening 73. Bae had four birdies, two in his first three holes, along with five bogeys and a double bogey. □

## Ex-NFL star

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According to Conley, the night of the 2012 shootings unfolded when Hernandez and an associate went into the Cure Lounge in Boston at about the same time as the other men. The prosecutor would not describe their encounter but said there was no evidence Hernandez knew the victims.

After the men left, Hernandez followed in an SUV and pulled up alongside them as they were stopped at a red light in Boston's South End, Conley said.

"Aaron Hernandez fired a .38-caliber revolver multiple times from the driver's side of his vehicle into the passenger's side of the victim's vehicle," killing de Abreu and Furtado, Conley said.

The case remained unsolved for months, but following Lloyd's killing, Conley said, the SUV was found in Bristol, Connecticut, where Hernandez grew up, and the gun used in the double shooting was recovered from a person with ties to Hernandez. Previous court documents said the vehicle was found at the home of Hernandez's uncle.

A grand jury heard testimony from more than 24 witnesses and examined more than 80 pieces of evidence before returning the indictments, Conley said. He said Hernandez's notoriety played no role in the investigation.

Hernandez is looking forward to his day in court, said his attorneys, Charles Rankin and James Sultan. "It is one thing to make allegations at a press conference and another



**In this Oct. 9, 2013 file photo, former New England Patriots NFL football player Aaron Hernandez attends a pretrial court hearing in superior court in Fall River, Mass.** Associated Press

thing to prove them in a courtroom," they said in a statement.

The Patriots had no comment.

De Abreu and Furtado were close friends who attended school and served in the military together in Cape Verde before coming to the United States, said attorney William Ken-

nedy, who represents their families in a \$6 million civil lawsuit against Hernandez.

Hernandez's cousin Tanya Singleton was charged with criminal contempt of court. She was given immunity to testify before the grand jury but refused, Conley said.

Singleton's attorney, E. Pe-

ter Parker, called her prosecution "aggressive and unnecessary." He said Singleton, who is being treated for breast cancer, has suffered a number of health setbacks since being jailed more than six months ago.

Hernandez was expected to be arraigned on the new charges in Suffolk Superior Court next week. He is expected to be tried first in the Lloyd case.

His lawyers filed a motion Thursday to dismiss the first-degree murder indictment against him in the Lloyd slaying, saying prosecutors hadn't shown enough evidence to support it.

Also Thursday, a man described by prosecutors as Hernandez's "right-hand man," Ernest Wallace, pleaded not guilty to murder and accessory charges in Lloyd's death. □

## AL Capsules

# Ortiz goes deep twice – again - Red Sox beat Twins

The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — David Ortiz homered twice for the second straight game and the Boston Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 9-4 on Wednesday night.

Big Papi went 3 for 5 with two RBIs, one night after a four-hit performance against his former team. Both of his homeruns — off Kevin Correia (1-5) in the third and Caleb Theilbar in the fifth — traveled more than 400 feet into the right-field upper deck at Target Field, where he's batting .528 (28 of 53) in 13 career games.

It was more than enough for Felix Doubront (2-3), who allowed a run on seven hits in 6 1-3 innings and retired nine straight at one point. Doubront hadn't won since April 3 at Baltimore, his first start of the season.

**WHITE SOX 4, ATHLETICS 2 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Jose Abreu hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to help Chicago snap a four-game losing streak. Gordon Beckham homered on the first pitch of the game for the White Sox, who rallied against Oakland's bullpen to end a seven-game losing streak at the Coliseum.

John Jaso and Josh Donaldson hit solo homers off Andre Rienzo for the Athletics.

Beckham and Conor Gillaspie started the rally with one-out singles against Fernando Abad (0-1), and Abreu greeted Luke Gregerson with a no-doubt drive to left field for his 15th home run of the season.

Abreu, a rookie slugger from Cuba, is the fourth player in major league history to hit 15 homers in his first 42 games, joining Wally Berger, Kevin Maas and Wally Joyner.

Ronald Belisario (2-3) got four outs for the win and Matt Lindstrom pitched the ninth for his sixth save in nine chances.

**TIGERS 7, ORIOLES 5**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Rajai Davis homered, and Detroit overcame a rare shaky performance by Justin Verlander to complete a three-game sweep. The Tigers have won 12 of their last 15 games, including eight in a row on the road. Baltimore has lost four straight.

Verlander (5-2) allowed a season-high five runs on six hits with four strikeouts and three walks in six innings. He still improved to 7-0 in eight outings at Camden Yards. But it was the first time in 15 games a Detroit starter allowed more than three runs.

Davis hit his third home run and had two RBIs for the Tigers.

Baltimore's Nelson Cruz



Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz, right, celebrates with Mike Napoli (12) after hitting a solo home run off Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Kevin Correia during the third inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.  
Associated Press

had two hits, including his 11th home run. Adam Jones went 3 for 5 with an RBI and extended his hitting streak to nine games. **RAYS 2, MARINERS 0 SEATTLE (AP)** — Jake Odorizzi pitched one-hit ball for six innings, but the Tampa Bay Rays lost All-Star Ben Zobrist in a win.

Zobrist dislocated his left thumb on a headfirst slide while trying to steal second base in the fifth. The valuable all-purpose player jammed himself into the bag after being tagged out, walked off the field holding his hand and later had his thumb adjusted back into place.

Zobrist will remain with the team for the final four games of a West Coast road trip and be re-evaluated when the Rays return home.

Odorizzi (2-3) picked up his first win since the opening week of the season,

teaming with three relievers on a combined two-hitter. Brandon Maurer (1-2) and the Seattle bullpen held the Rays to three hits.

**INDIANS 15, BLUE JAYS 4 TORONTO (AP)** — David Murphy had five hits and five RBIs and Lonnie Chisenhall had five hits and an RBI and Cleveland beat Toronto.

Corey Kluber (4-3) pitched seven innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season, and Carlos Santana and Yan Gomes homered as the Indians set season-highs with 22 hits and 15 runs in winning for the sixth time in eight games.

Infielder Steve Tolleson came on to record the final out in the ninth inning after Gomes drilled a three-run homer off Neil Wagner. Throwing knuckleballs, Tolleson faced two batters, giving up a double to Chisenhall before

Mike Aviles popped out. Blue Jays starter Dustin McGowan (2-2) allowed four runs and nine hits in four-plus innings. He walked two and struck out three.

**ASTROS 5, RANGERS 4**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Matt Dominguez hit an RBI single off the right-field wall in the ninth inning and Houston won a series against their in-state rivals for the first time since 2008.

The Astros took two of three after losing 15 straight series to the Rangers. Houston overcame a four-run deficit to win.

Dexter Fowler singled with one out in the ninth, Jason Castro drew a walk and Dominguez hit a long fly ball off Nick Martinez (0-1). Chad Qualls (1-1) got the last two outs in the ninth for the win. Alex Rios hit a solo homer, Adrian Beltre had three hits and Prince Fielder drove in two runs for Texas. □

## MLS Roundup

# Union beats Sporting Kansas City 2-1, ends 9-match skid

**KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP)**

— Cristian Maidana scored his first goal of the season as the Philadelphia Union broke a nine-match winless streak with a 2-1 victory over Sporting Kansas City in Major League Soccer on Wednesday.

Danny Cruz also scored in the 49th minute for Phila-

delphia, which won for the first time since a 2-1 victory over New England on March 15. Sporting missed a chance to assume the outright Eastern Conference lead.

Dom Dwyer scored in the 80th minute for Sporting, leveling the scores at 1-1, but Maidana answered

in the 81st with his game-winner.

Philadelphia had to play a man down in second-half stoppage time after Corben Bone — who had entered the match only seconds earlier — was shown a red card for a serious foul on Sporting's Jacob Peterson. □



Philadelphia Union goalkeeper Zac MacMath makes a save during the first half of an MLS soccer match against Sporting Kansas City in Kansas City, Kan., Wednesday, May 14, 2014.  
Associated Press

## NL Capsules

# Pirates get 3 in the 9<sup>TH</sup>, beat Brewers 4-1

### The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Backup catcher Chris Stewart's single keyed a three-run burst in the ninth inning against Francisco Rodriguez and sent the Pittsburgh Pirates past Milwaukee 4-1 Wednesday night, ending the Brewers' three-game winning streak.

Rodriguez (1-1) had given up only one run in 21 innings in his first 21 games. But the Pirates tagged the Milwaukee closer for four consecutive hits to beat the Brewers for only the second time in nine games.

Milwaukee managed only six hits and went 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position minus Carlos Gomez. The star center fielder dropped his appeal Wednesday and began a three-game suspension for his part in a bench-clearing fracas at Pittsburgh on Easter Sunday. Stewart, making only his eighth start of the season, singled for a 2-1 lead. Starling Marte, playing for the first time since exiting Saturday with tightness in

his back, then hit a two-run double.

Tony Watson (4-0) pitched a scoreless eighth. Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his fifth save in six chances.

**MARLINS 13, DODGERS 3**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ed Lucas homered for Miami during a six-run second inning in which second baseman Dee Gordon's fielding error led to five unearned runs, and the Marlins scored another six runs two innings later.

Anthony DeSclafani (1-0) allowed two runs and seven hits over six innings to earn the win in his major league debut. He had a single and drove in two runs.

Reed Johnson had a two-run homer and Jeff Mathis added a three-run shot in support of DeSclafani, a 24-year-old right-hander who was inserted into the rotation after Marlins ace Jose Fernandez was placed on the disabled list on Monday.

Paul Maholm (1-4) was charged with 10 runs — five



**Pittsburgh Pirates' Starling Marte hits a two-run scoring double during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in Milwaukee.**

**Associated Press**

earned — and 11 hits in 3 2-3 innings, raising his ERA from 4.71 to 5.40.

Yasiel Puig drove in the Dodgers' first run with a double in the fifth, extending his career-best hitting streak to 14 games.

**GIANTS 10, BRAVES 4**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Hunter Pence, Michael Morse and Brandon Crawford homered to power the San Francisco Giants past

Atlanta.

Gregor Blanco stole three bases and scored three runs as the Giants continued to dominate the matchup of NL division leaders. San Francisco finished 5-1 against Atlanta this season.

Madison Bumgarner (5-3) allowed four runs and five hits in five innings.

Julio Teheran (2-3) lasted only 3 1-3 innings. He gave

up five runs and seven hits in his second loss to the Giants this season.

Pence finished with four hits and three RBIs, Crawford collected three hits and three RBIs and Morse connected for his team-leading ninth home run.

**NATIONALS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Ian Desmond and Tyler Moore each lined two-run singles in the ninth inning to break open a close game, helping the Washington Nationals beat Arizona.

Nationals starter Doug Fister was locked into a pitcher's duel with Brandon McCarthy before Washington pulled away.

Jayson Werth homered and Tyler Clippard (4-3) tossed one scoreless inning for Washington. Brad Ziegler (0-1) had pitched 18 1-3 straight scoreless innings. In other NL games it was Washington 5, Arizona 1; San Francisco 10, Atlanta 4; Florida 13, Dodger 3; and Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 1. □



**Montreal Canadiens center Daniel Briere (48) celebrates Dale Weise's goal against the Boston Bruins during the first period in Game 7 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series in Boston, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Montreal reached the NHL Eastern Conference finals with a 3-1 win at Boston in Game 7 on Wednesday, setting up a series against the New York Rangers.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles squared its series against Anaheim by beating the

Ducks 2-1, sending their series also to a decisive Game 7.

Montreal goaltender Carey Price stopped 29 shots while Dale Weise, Max Pacioretty and Daniel Briere scored for the Canadiens, who advanced to the conference finals for just the

## Canadiens reach East finals, Kings-Ducks square

second time since winning the most recent of their NHL-record 24 Stanley Cup titles in 1993.

Jarome Iginla scored and Tuukka Rask made 15 saves for Boston.

The Bruins won the Stanley Cup in 2011 and returned to the finals last year, losing to the Chicago Blackhawks in six games. Boston finished with the best record in the regular season this year, but its road stopped against the Original Six rival in another classic playoff series.

In front of boisterous crowds on both sides of the border, the Canadiens won the 34th playoff series between the two clubs — the ninth that went the seven-game distance. And, despite giving up home-ice advantage, Montreal silenced

the Boston fans quickly.

Just 2:18 into the game, Briere dug a pass out of the left corner and centered to Weise, who redirected it past Rask. The Canadiens made it 2-0 midway through the second period when David Desharnais chased down a loose puck to set up a 2-on-1 with Pacioretty, who one-timed it past Rask.

On the other side of the country, Trevor Lewis scored his fourth goal of this postseason to help the Kings edge the Ducks and lock their series 3-3.

Jonathan Quick made 21 saves and Jake Muzzin scored an early goal for the Kings, who ended their three-game skid with another sturdy defensive effort at home.

Los Angeles improved

to 6-1 over the past two seasons in playoff games where they needed to win to avoid elimination.

Kyle Palmieri scored and rookie goalie John Gibson stopped 21 shots for the top-seeded Ducks, who missed the chance to clinch their first trip to the Western Conference finals since 2007.

The Kings again proved their postseason credentials. After winning the Stanley Cup in 2012 and returning to the conference finals last year, Los Angeles has shown impressive resolve in this postseason, having come from 0-3 down to stun San Jose in the first round and, on Wednesday, stopping Anaheim's momentum from three-straight wins. □



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# California Chrome made 3-5 favorite for Preakness

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AP Racing Writer

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome was made the odds-on favorite at 3-5 on Wednesday for the Preakness Stakes, and he drew an inside post position in the 10-horse field that includes a filly for the first time in five years.

Trained by Art Sherman and ridden by Victor Espinoza, California Chrome will break from the No. 3 post, which has produced 10 winners in the previous 138 runnings of the race.

"Three is fine with me," Sherman said. "Most of the speed is on the outside of me. If they go, they go, I can tuck in right behind them without any problems. I think my horse will perform."

So does California Chrome's co-owner Steve Coburn, who dared to look ahead.

"One race at a time," he said, "but I'm still thinking Triple Crown."

If California Chrome would win Saturday, next up would be the Belmont Stakes on June 7. Only 11 horses have swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont and none since 1978.

California Chrome brings a five-race winning streak into the Preakness, having won that many by a combined 26 lengths. Still, his overwhelming odds surprised Sherman, a 77-year-old trainer who has never had a colt this good.

"I never thought I'd be that kind of price," he said. "I really thought I'd be 6-5."

Speedster Social Inclusion was the 5-1 second choice of new Pimlico oddsmaker Keith Feustle. The colt drew the No. 8 post. He skipped the Kentucky Derby and is one of seven new horses

lining up to challenge California Chrome on Saturday.

"I'm never afraid of nothing," owner Ron Sanchez said. "We have a great post position. We have slow horses to our outside. That's going to help us a lot."

Bayern and Ride On Curlin are the co-third choices at 10-1. Bayern, who drew the No. 5 post, is trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, who will be seeking a sixth Preakness win. Rosie Napravnik will ride the colt, trying to become the first female jockey to win the race.

Ride On Curlin finished seventh in the Kentucky Derby two weeks ago.

Once again, Ride On Curlin drew an outside post, landing in the No. 10 spot after breaking from the 19th position in the Derby starting gate under Calvin Borel. This time, Joel Rosario will ride the colt.

Borel has switched to filly Ria Antonia, who is the longest shot in the field at 30-1. "I wish she was 50-1," co-owner Ron Paolucci said.

"The way she works and trains, she thinks she's 3-5." She will try to become the first filly to win the Preakness since Rachel Alexandra beat the boys in 2009. Like Rachel, Ria Antonia did not run in the Derby first. She finished sixth in the Kentucky Oaks, held the day before the Derby. After the Oaks, Ria Antonia's owners switched trainers, dumping Baffert for Tom Amoss.

"I always wanted to run in this race," Paolucci said. "My filly is a really big filly, she's really solid. Coming back in two weeks gives her an absolute edge. I know it's really going to help her."

General a Rod is the only other Derby horse to try the



Preakness. He was 11th at Churchill Downs.

There is a trio of 20-1 shots in the field. One of them, Kid Cruz, is trained by Linda Rice, giving the Preakness a female trainer, jockey

and filly in the same race for the first time.

The other 20-1 shots are Pablo Del Monte, who drew the No. 9 post, and Ring Weekend, who will break from the No. 4 spot.

Illinois Derby winner Dynamic Impact drew the No. 1 post, putting the colt along the rail, a spot not favored by most trainers who fear getting trapped inside. □

## Matthews wins 6th Giro stage after serious crash

**MONTECASSINO, Italy (AP)** — Overall leader Michael Matthews claimed his first individual victory on the sixth stage of the Giro d'Italia on Thursday, but the race was marred by a crash which forced overall contender Joaquim Rodriguez and two Katusha teammates to withdraw.

The incident occurred on the wet road approaching the final climb, and involved several cyclists, but the Katusha riders were the most seriously affected. Rodriguez made it to the finish 7:43 behind Matthews, and Nairo Quintana fell behind 2:08 overall. Rodriguez was diagnosed with a broken rib and left

thumb, teammate Angel Vicioso had his right femur broken in three places and was being transported to Rome for surgery, and Giampaolo Caruso had large bruises. "It hurts to leave the Giro, but there is no other option," said Rodriguez, who already had two broken ribs from the Amstel Gold race. "The road was very slippery and we were going 60 kph (40 mph). Just touching your brakes was enough to crash. ... After the crash I got back on my bike immediately, more full of aggression and determination, but after a while I clearly felt what the problem was, as I could not breathe anymore."

Rigoberto Uran, a Colombian who is third overall, explained that the crash happened right in front of the main pack.

"All of the GC guys went down or were held up except (Cadel) Evans," Uran said. "Fortunately, I only have a few scratches and a contusion on my left side, the elbow and hip specifically. Fortunately, it is nothing serious."

Matthews won from a four-man breakaway, coming up the inside of Evans' wheel to take victory on the Giro's longest stage, a 257-kilometer (160-mile) route which ended in a climb up to Montecassino. □

# Heat know the biggest tests are still ahead

**TIM REYNOLDS**

**AP Basketball Writer**

**MIAMI (AP)** — When this core of Miami Heat players was assembled, the only stated goal was winning NBA titles.

That explains why even getting through the first two rounds of these playoffs basically unscathed

merited only a short celebration.

Miami is back in the Eastern Conference finals for the fourth straight season, awaiting either Indiana or Washington. The Heat got there by ousting the Brooklyn Nets in five games, the end of that series on Wednesday being briefly

accompanied by a few hoots and hollers in the immediate moments after the clinching 96-94 win.

Before long, order was restored to the Heat locker room.

Two series wins are nice, but they know the road only gets tougher from here.



**Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) goes to the basket against the Brooklyn Nets during the first half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball game in Miami, Wednesday, May 14, 2014.**  
**Associated Press**

## Parker has Grade 1 hamstring strain



**San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker, center, works the ball around Portland Trail Blazers' LaMarcus Aldridge (12) and Robin Lopez, right, during the first half of Game 5 of a Western Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, May 14, 2014, in San Antonio.**  
**Associated Press**

**JON KRAWCZYNSKI**

**AP Basketball Writer**

San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker has a Grade 1 strain of his left hamstring, the least severe level of the injury, and he is listed as day-to-day.

The Spurs made the announcement on Thursday, a day off after eliminating the Portland Trail Blazers in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals. But Parker came in to get an exam of the injury that caused him to miss the entire second half of the clincher. Just as the Spurs appeared to be finding their playoff legs and asserting themselves as the team to beat in the powerful Western Conference, Parker's gave out. He felt his left hamstring tighten early in the second quarter,

went to the locker room to get it examined and only played briefly before calling it a night.

Parker missed 14 games with various injuries during the regular season, but the Spurs went 11-3 in those games and still managed to post the best record in the NBA. Still, the prospects of losing Parker — the inexhaustible throttle on the Spurs' relentless engine — was enough to make a team bent on returning to the NBA Finals a little nervous after their 104-82 victory over Portland sent them back to the Western Conference finals.

"If we want to have a chance to make it to the Finals, we need him healthy," guard Manu Ginobili said.

Parker suffered a Grade 2

strain of his right hamstring in Game 3 of the NBA Finals last season against the Miami Heat. He didn't miss a game because of it, but the discomfort definitely limited effectiveness. He was 9 for 35 in the last two games, including 3 for 12 for 10 points in the Game 7 loss at Miami.

But Parker told the San Antonio Express-News that his latest injury wasn't as serious as the one that bothered him last June.

"It's OK; not too bad," Parker told the newspaper. "Not as bad as the NBA Finals. NBA Finals was a Grade 2. This one is Grade 1. So should be fine for Monday."

The Spurs will host Game 1 of the Western Conference finals on Monday if Oklahoma City defeats the Los Angeles Clippers in Game 6 of their series on Thursday. If the series goes the full seven games, the next round will open on Wednesday in San Antonio.

The makes the Spurs' five-game victory over the young Trail Blazers even more important. Parker will have at least four days off, and perhaps as many as six, to rest and rehab his hamstring.

"Luckily we have a couple of days," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said after the game. "It worries us, obviously. But he's been going hard, he's had a great series thus far, and it just kind of caught up with him." □

"To be in this position four years in a row, this is the reason we came together four years ago," Heat guard Dwyane Wade said. "We've got a lot more work to do but we're a team that doesn't take it for granted. We're a team that worked very hard to get to this point, so we're going to go to the Eastern Conference finals and continue to play as hard as we can, and try to continue to move forward."

The Heat are 32-7 in first- and second-round games in the last four postseasons, coinciding with the start of the "Big 3" era featuring LeBron James, Wade and Chris Bosh teaming up. That first year, even that star-studded trio wasn't enough against Dallas. More pieces were added, like Shane Battier a year later and Ray Allen two years later, and they've all paid dividends since with the last two titles. Allen kept coming up big at big times in the Brooklyn series, hitting clutch free throws to seal Game 4, and then knocking down a 3-pointer with 32 seconds left to put

Miami ahead for good in Game 5.

"The most important thing is to stay in the moment," Battier said. "And I don't think there is anyone maybe in the history of the game who does it better than Ray Allen."

Added Mario Chalmers: "That's a great option when you know you have the all-time greatest 3-point shooter to your left."

A year ago, the Heat needed seven games to beat Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals, then seven more to top San Antonio for their second straight NBA title. Thursday was a rest day for Miami, maybe one of the last ones the Heat will truly have before the season ends.

On Friday, practice restarts in earnest.

"We still have some business to take care of," James said. "But it's great to be able to put ourselves in position to get to where we want to go. We never shortcut the process. We understand that each and every game is going to be a challenge for us." □



In this Oct. 17, 2012, file photo, a man raises his hand during at Google offices in New York.

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## Google to release diversity data about workforce

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.**

**(AP)** — Google is planning to release statistics documenting the diversity of its workforce for the first time amid escalating pressure on the technology industry to hire more minorities and women. The numbers are compiled as part of a report that major U.S. employers must file with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Employers, though, aren't required to make the information publicly available. Google Inc. had resisted previous calls for it to share the diversity data.

David Drummond, an African-American executive who oversees Google's public policies, announced the about-face Wednesday during the company's annual shareholders' meeting at its headquarters in Mountain View.

"Many companies in (Silicon Valley) have been reluctant to divulge that data, including Google, and, quite frankly, we are wrong about that," Drummond said. He said the information will be released next month.

The concession came after the Rev. Jesse Jackson appeared at the annual meeting to urged Google to lead the effort to hire

more African-Americans, Latinos and women in technology. The longtime civil rights leader applauded Google for its transparency.

The company employs nearly 50,000 people and typically hires thousands more workers each year. Other technology companies also are expanding their payrolls as demand for their devices and online services steadily increases, but Jackson and other critics contend the industry isn't doing enough to ensure their workforces are as diverse as the rest of society.

About 7 percent of tech workers are black or Latino, both in Silicon Valley and nationally. Blacks and Hispanics make up 13.1 and 16.9 percent of the U.S. population, respectively, according to the most recent Census data.

Although lots of women work for tech companies, relatively few are in higher-paying technical or executive positions.

Drummond assured Jackson that Google is committed to getting more minorities and women into top tech jobs. "We are not doing enough and we can do a lot better," Drummond said. □



Demonstrators march against proposed changes to net neutrality regulations outside the Federal Communications Commission's headquarters in Washington, May 15, 2014.

(Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)

## Some facts about net neutrality

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The

Federal Communications Commission has taken the first step toward adopting new regulations that could create fast lanes for Internet traffic from websites that can afford to pay for the privilege.

Thursday's recommendation, passed by a 3-2, vote, moves the proposed rules governing "net neutrality" into a formal public comment period.

After the 120-day period ends, the FCC will revise the proposal and vote on a final set of rules. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has said he wants the rules in place by the end of this year.

Here are some things to know about the proposed rules and net neutrality:

**WHAT THE RULES CALL FOR** Under the proposed rules, Internet providers would be able to charge other companies for priority, high-speed, access to their users. A previous set of rules adopted in 2010 was struck down by an appeals court in January after Verizon challenged them. The FCC says the revised regulations now under consideration follow the blueprint set forth by that court decision.

The commission also will consider the possibility of defining Internet service providers as "common car-

riers," like telephone companies, which are subject to greater regulation than Internet providers, under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. If the FCC adopts the common carrier option, then Internet service providers would be required to treat all traffic on their networks equally, just as telephone companies have had to do on their lines for decades.

**WHY SOME OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RULES**

Internet companies such as Netflix that do a lot of business online, and use a significant amount of data, don't want to have to pay for reliable and fast delivery of online video, music and other content. They contend that's something consumers are already financing when they pay \$50 to \$80 per month for high-speed Internet service from companies such as Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc. and Verizon Communications.

Netflix released a statement Thursday saying that it is still concerned that the proposed approach could "legalize discrimination, harming innovation and punishing U.S. consumers with a broadband experience that's worse than they already have."

Meanwhile, smaller companies say they can't afford to pay. And conserva-

tives don't like the idea of additional regulation over the Internet and the companies that provide it.

Advocates for an open Internet are outraged. Some protested Thursday's hearing, banging drums and holding signs calling for net neutrality. The American Civil Liberties Union released a statement saying that the proposed rules would put individuals at the mercy of Internet providers, who would be able to decide what is seen and how fast. The ACLU saw one ray of hope in Thursday's developments, endorsing the FCC's willingness to consider reclassifying Internet providers as common carriers.

**WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING** The White House released a statement saying that President Barack Obama strongly supports net neutrality and an open Internet. But it added that the FCC is an independent agency and that it will carefully review its proposal.

George Foote, a partner at the law firm Dorsey & Whitney who works with the FCC, argues that the proposed rules don't threaten the Internet, free speech or capitalism.

"Attempts to say otherwise are merely attempts to force the order into some self-serving narrative of disaster," Foote said in a statement. □

# Dow dips to worst day in 5 weeks; bond prices jump

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors retreated from stocks Thursday, leading the Dow Jones industrial average to its worst day in five weeks, after disappointing earnings from Wal-Mart and mixed news about the global economy.

Financial markets reflected broader investor jitters: government bonds rose, small-company stocks continued to plunge, and safe, slower-growth industries fared the best.

The latest economic data from the United States was mixed: Factory output fell. But fewer people sought unemployment benefits, evidence that hat solid hiring should continue. The news was more disappointing in Europe, where the economy of the 18 countries that share the euro saw output rise just 0.2 percent in the first quarter.

"People are just a little bit nervous about the entire

global economic environment at the moment," said Ryan Larson, head of U.S. equities at the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Dow lost 167.16 points, or 1 percent, to 16,446.81. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17.68 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,870.85 and the Nasdaq composite fell 31.33 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,069.29.

The Dow was dragged down by Wal-Mart, which fell \$1.91, or 2.4 percent, to \$76.83. The company reported lower earnings for its most recent quarter and warned that the current one was not expected to be much better.

The company, like many other retailers, blamed harsh winter weather. Department store operator Kohl's fell after announcing a drop in first-quarter earnings. Kohl's ended down \$1.82, or 3.4 percent, to \$52.21.

One bright spot was Cisco Systems. The telecommuni-

cations equipment maker jumped \$1.37, or 6 percent, to \$24.18. It was one of only two stocks in the Dow 30 to rise. Cisco reported earnings that were better than expected.

The broader stock sell-off comes two days after the Dow and S&P 500 hit record highs.

But the bigger story of what happened on Wall Street was in the bond market.

Bonds had their best day since early February, when measured by the Barclays U.S. Aggregate bond index, a broad gauge of the entire market, from Treasuries to corporate debt. □



Trader David Williams, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Investors retreated from stocks Thursday, leading the Dow Jones industrial average to its worst day in five weeks, after disappointing earnings from Wal-Mart and mixed news about the global economy.

(AP Photo)

## Buffett's company discloses new Verizon investment

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**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — Warren Buffett's company disclosed a new investment of 11 million shares in Ve-

rizion Communications Inc. Thursday and increased its stakes in Wal-Mart and IBM. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. revealed the changes to its \$106 billion portfolio in

documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that show what company owned at the end of March.

The Verizon investment

was the only new one disclosed.

Berkshire bought 8.6 million Wal-Mart Stores Inc. shares to increase its investment in the retail giant to 58 million shares. Buffett has said in the past that he regretted not buying more Wal-Mart stock earlier when he was building Berkshire's stake in the company.

Berkshire also bumped up its IBM Corp. investment to 68.4 million shares by buying 233,100 shares in the quarter. Many investors watch the quarterly filings closely because they like to copy moves Buffett makes because of his successful record.

Berkshire officials don't routinely comment on the Omaha-based company's stock moves beyond what they are legally required to disclose. Officials at the company Buffett leads as chairman and CEO did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Most of the latest chang-

es were likely made by Berkshire's two other investment managers, who each manage about \$7 billion, because they were relatively small compared to Buffett's typical investments. But the Wal-Mart and IBM moves were likely his because of the size of those investments.

Berkshire increased its investment in MasterCard Inc. to a little over 4 million shares from its previous 405,000 shares.

Buffett's company sold some of its shares in General Motors Co. The car-maker is dealing with recalls of several models, but Berkshire still held 30 million shares in March, down from 40 million in December.

Several of the changes revealed Thursday were related to television entertainment:

— Berkshire boosted its stake in Liberty Global PLC — the cable company led by John Malone — to 14.7 million shares from 2.9 million at the end of 2013. □



Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett talks to television journalists in Omaha, Neb. Buffett's company disclosed a new investment of 11 million shares in Verizon Communications Inc. Thursday and increased its stakes in Wal-Mart and IBM.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

# US consumer prices rise by most in 10 months

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Higher food and gas costs pushed up U.S. consumer prices in April by the most in 10 months, evidence that inflation is ticking up from very low levels.

The consumer price index rose 0.3 percent last month after a 0.2 percent gain in

March, the Labor Department said Thursday. Over the past 12 months, prices have increased 2 percent, the largest gain since July and matching the Federal Reserve's inflation target.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core prices rose 0.2 percent in April and have risen 1.8 percent in the past 12

months.

Food prices jumped 0.4 percent for the third straight month, driven by the largest increase in the cost of meat in 10 years. Gas prices rose 2.3 percent, the first increase in four months.

The cost of fruits, vegetables and dairy products also rose. A drought in Cali-

fornia and an excessively cold winter in the Midwest have pushed up food prices this year.

Prices in other sectors also rose. Rents increased 0.3 percent last month, and the prices of new and used cars rose. Air fares jumped 2.6 percent in April, the most in more than four years. The cost of clothes,

furniture and haircuts were unchanged.

The mild increases follow two years of very low inflation. Consumer prices rose just 1.5 percent in 2013, down from 1.8 percent in 2012. And on Wednesday, the government said the producer price index jumped in April by the most in 19 months. □

# Bad weather cools Wal-Mart in 1Q, outlook weak

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NEW YORK (AP) —

Wal-Mart's first-quarter net income fell 5 percent as bad winter weather and financial struggles kept customers from spending at the world's largest retailer.

The company's shares fell nearly 2 percent as Wal-Mart reported results that missed Wall Street's expectations for the third time in five quarters and gave a weak second-quarter earnings forecast.

The results underscore the big challenges facing Wal-Mart's new CEO, Doug McMillon, who took over the top role on Feb. 1. The retailer is considered an economic bellwether, with the company accounting for nearly 10 percent of non-automotive retail spending in the U.S.

Wal-Mart's latest performance appears to show that many people are having a hard time stretching their money between paychecks.

For the period ended April 30, the Bentonville, Ar-

kansas, company earned \$3.59 billion, or \$1.11 per share. That compares with \$3.78 billion, or \$1.14 per share, a year ago.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said that bad weather hurt earnings by about 3 cents per share. Its performance was also dinged by a higher-than-expected tax rate. Income from continuing operations was \$1.10 per share. Analysts, on average, expected earnings of \$1.15 per share, according to a FactSet survey.

"Like other retailers in the United States, the unseasonably cold and disruptive weather negatively impacted U.S. sales and drove operating expenses higher than expected," McMillon said in a statement.

Not only did weather affect store traffic, it disrupted the supply chain, slowing production and backing up trucking transportation around the country, the company said.

But Wal-Mart has been suffering from weak sales in the U.S. for some time.

Sales at U.S. stores open at least a year dipped 0.2 percent in the quarter, the fifth consecutive quarter of decline the metric, considered a key gauge of a retailer's financial performance. Analysts had been expecting the measure to be flat.



A worker pushes shopping carts in front of a Walmart store in La Habra, Calif. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported mixed quarterly results on Thursday, May 15, 2014. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

In the U.S., while jobs are easier to get and the housing market is gaining momentum, these improvements have not been enough to get Americans to spend. On top of that,

the Nov. 1 expiration of a temporary boost in food stamps is hurting its shoppers' ability to spend.

"Traffic continues to be negative, despite investments in price, TV marketing, and social marketing," said Belus Capital Advisors analyst Brian Sozzi.

"Walmart's traffic troubles are part related to weather in the first quarter, but also very reflective in how people are now shopping (online) and the company not being able to full play

in that trend."

Total revenue rose 1 percent to \$114.96 billion. Wall Street was calling for higher revenue of \$116.43 billion. The stronger dollar hurt revenue by about \$1.6 billion. Excluding that, revenue would have risen 2 percent.

McMillon said in a prerecorded call that U.S. sales rose during the second half of the quarter, but that Sam's Club had lower-than-expected sales. While membership income climbed, McMillon said it was mostly because of a fee increase started last year. Total U.S. revenue rose 2 percent to \$67.85 billion. Wal-Mart International's sales rose 3.4 percent in the quarter, on a constant currency basis.

Wal-Mart, which has 10,994 stores in 27 countries, is facing stiff competition from dollar chains and online king Amazon.com.

Wal-Mart has been sharpening its focus on everyday low prices at U.S. stores and further pushing that strategy abroad. □

# American factory output retreats after 2 up months

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

U.S. factory output took a breather in April after two months of strong growth, as manufacturers produced less furniture, machinery and plastics.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that factory production fell 0.4 percent from the previous month after rising a revised 0.7 percent in March and 1.5 percent in February. Manufacturing output has

risen a solid 2.9 percent over the past year.

The decline appears to be a temporary setback that doesn't have economists too worried.

"We are not concerned by the drop in industrial production, because it was likely a one-time event" given healthy signals from other recent measures of manufacturing, said economists at Deutsche Bank Securities in a note to clients.

The Institute for Supply

Management, a group of purchasing managers, has reported that U.S. manufacturing grew faster in April than March. Its manufacturing index rose to 54.9 last month from 53.7 in March as exports rose and factories stepped up hiring. Any reading above 50 signals growth.

The Commerce Department has said orders to U.S. factories for long-lasting manufactured goods showed decent gains in

February and March.

Overall industrial output, which includes manufacturing, mining and utilities, fell 0.6 percent in April, the Fed said. Output at utilities plunged 5.3 percent; households used less heat as temperatures rose.

The drop in manufacturing output was more troubling, though economists say it probably just means factories eased back a bit after robust gains in February and March.

"Manufacturing was sur-

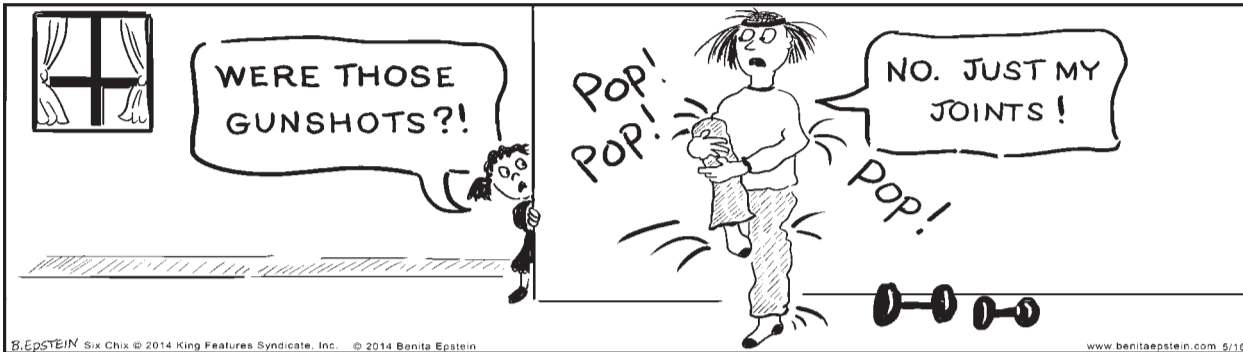
prisingly weak, although the decline follows a strong finish" to the first quarter, said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

The economy is picking up momentum after stalling during the nasty winter. The economy expanded at an annual pace of 0.1 percent from January through March. Economists expect the pace to pick up to 3 percent or faster this quarter and for the rest of the year. □

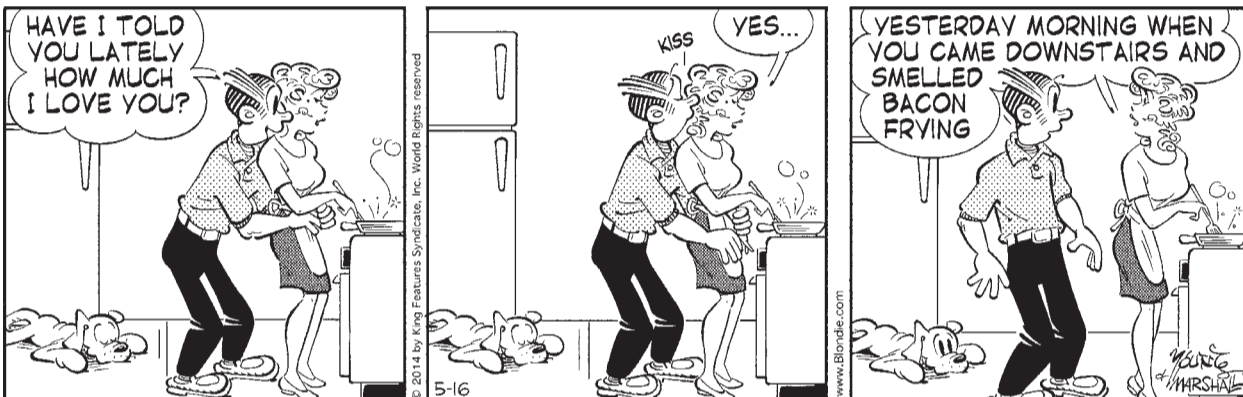
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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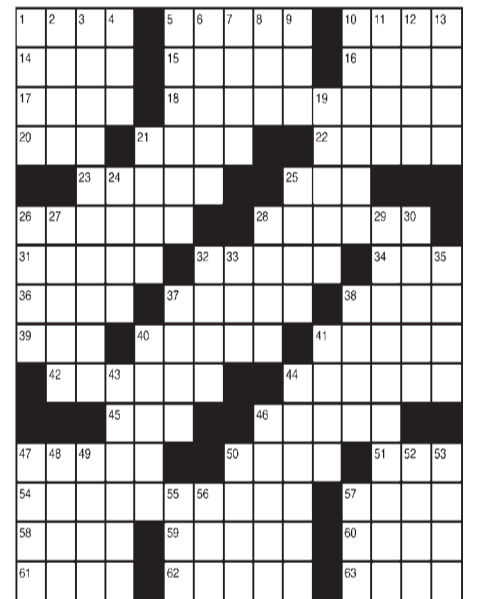
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- Bellyache; whine
- Enjoy
- Rollerblades
- High point
- Aware of the shenanigans of
- Relative by marriage
- to rest; buried
- Keats' works
- Forceful; persuasive
- Sever
- Triangular sails
- "A Taste of"; Herb Alpert hit
- Young horses
- Plato's "T"
- Like a spare tire around one's middle
- Court clown
- Early guitars
- Money, slangily
- Juicy Fruit or Bazooka
- Sore
- Absorbent cloth
- Gray wolf
- Dessert choice
- Detroit team
- Foyt or Unser
- Sleeper's visions
- Loathe
- Appropriate
- Hayes or Hunt
- Bit of parsley
- Simple
- "...hallowed be name..."
- Crest or Aim
- Region
- Too
- Higher berth
- Thailand, once
- Lager
- Lovers' meeting
- Skits

## DOWN

- Doofus
- Disassemble
- Ari, to Caroline
- Distress letters
- Large Italian island
- Drawer handles
- Charity
- Touch lightly
- Female sheep
- effort; full-scale attempt
- Abel's brother
- Belonging to me
- Not relaxed
- apso; small, long-haired dog
- Pokes
- Toe the line
- TV's "To the Truth"
- Part of a book jacket
- Thinking and talking clearly
- Montana and Mantegna
- Conceited
- Bumpkins
- Cow sounds
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- Magazine title
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# NBA Replay Controversies Could Lead to a Review

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**LOS ANGELES** - Los Angeles Clippers forward Matt Barnes was parked in front of the television at home Wednesday night, watching the end of the Brooklyn Nets-Miami Heat game while his twin 5-year-old boys busied themselves wrestling.

As Barnes watched the final seconds unfold, he could not quite believe what he was seeing. Again.

The night before, in Oklahoma City, Barnes had whacked the Thunder's Reggie Jackson on the forearm, and Jackson lost the ball out of bounds with 13 seconds to play. The officials did not call a foul, but ruled it was Oklahoma City's ball.

After they looked at video replays, they did not overturn the call - to the surprise of much of the TV audience, many in the arena and everyone on the Clippers' bench.

The ruling, along with several crucial Clippers mistakes, played a pivotal role in Oklahoma City's 105-104 victory, which gave the Thunder a 3-2 lead in the series.

It also prompted a diatribe against the officials from Clippers coach Doc Rivers, for which the NBA fined him \$25,000 on Thursday.

Barnes watched a similar situation unfold in Miami on Wednesday night. LeBron James cracked Paul Pierce on the arm in the final seconds of a close game, knocking the ball loose and out of bounds. Officials ruled it was the Nets' ball and did not reverse the call, even after they watched replays that seemed to show that the ball went off Pierce.

"I almost tweeted," said Barnes, who was fined earlier this season for a profane outburst on Twitter. "But I just went and wrestled with my twins."

If Miami had not hung on for the 96-94 victory, there might have been the same kind of outrage from the Heat as there had been from the Clippers.

The two incidents are the latest in the playoffs that

have thrown a spotlight on what officials are allowed to review.

"My sense is where we'll probably end up is giving the officials some more discretion of what they can look at when they're over there," said Rod Thorn, the NBA's president for basketball operations, repeating remarks Commissioner Adam Silver made last month. "Everybody can see something that looks like a foul but the official, because he was restricted from applying his judgment."

As it stands, there are 14 criteria, or "triggers," that an officiating crew can use to review a play, like whether a player's feet are behind the 3-point line or whether a shot is out of a player's hand before the buzzer.

Some plays fall out of their purview. In Atlanta's first-round series with Indiana,

the Hawks' Jeff Teague hit a running, off-balance 3-pointer just before the shot clock expired, a crucial blow in the Hawks' Game 3 win. The officials reviewed the play to confirm that Teague had beaten the shot clock and had both feet behind the line, which he did.

What they could not do anything about was Teague's stepping out of bounds before he released the shot.

In a Clippers loss to Golden State in their first-round series opener, Chris Paul lost the ball out of bounds as he was bumped by the Warriors' Draymond Green. The referee ruled that it was the Clippers' ball, perhaps a way of acknowledging the contact without punishing Golden State with two fouls shots for Paul. But when the officials went to replay, they overturned the

call because the ball had clearly last touched Paul. The next day, Thorn said in a statement that the officials used replay correctly but erred in not calling a foul on Green.

It was being on the wrong end of both calls that infuriated Rivers.

Asked during his news conference Tuesday night if he had any ideas to improve the system, Rivers said: "The answer is get it right. That's the only answer. Sometimes, it's hard."

It can go either way. Then what can you do? But when it's that clear, the answer is get it right."

Rivers' voice will be heard the next time the league's competition committee meets, which is expected to be in July. He is one of three coaches on the committee, along with Rick Carlisle of Dallas and Monty Williams of New Orleans. □

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# U.S. survey: 23% of bee colonies died this winter

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nearly one out of four American honeybee colonies died this winter — a loss that's not quite as bad as recent years, says a new U.S. Department of Agriculture survey of beekeepers. Under siege from parasites, disease, pesticide use, nutrition problems and a mysterious sudden die-off, 23 percent of bee colonies failed and experts say that's considerably less than the previous year or the eight-year average of 30 percent losses. "It's better news than it could have been," said Dennis van Engelsdorp, a University of Maryland entomology professor who led the survey. "It's not good news."

Before a parasitic mite — just one of a handful of problems attacking the crucial-for-pollination honeybees — started killing bees in 1987, beekeepers would be embarrassed if they lost more than 5 or 10 percent of their colonies over the winter. Now they see a 23 percent loss as a bit of a break, said survey co-author Jeff Pettis, USDA's bee research chief. "It's encouraging that if anything it's not a steady downward trend," said University of Illinois entomology professor May Berenbaum, who wasn't part of the survey of 7,200 beekeepers. David Mendes, a North Fort Myers beekeeper and past



This undated handout photo provided by the Agriculture Department shows the deadly parasitic Varroa mite on the back of this honey bee is one of many insect pests that sugar esters may be useful in controlling.

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president of the American Beekeeping Federation, thinks the numbers are lower than reality. His losses were around 30 percent, he said.

And then earlier this year there was a massive die-off in the California almond fields, where "probably 100,000 hives got nailed," he added. The experts aren't certain why this year wasn't as bad as previous years. Maybe 2012-2013 was so bad that beekeepers had to try harder to keep bees alive and baby their hives more, Pettis said. There's no one reason for the losses, Pettis and others said.

Several years ago they were surprised by a sud-

den die-off, called colony collapse disorder, but that has gone away the past few years, they said.

Pettis and van Engelsdorp said now the problem seems to be a combination of parasitic varroa mites, a relatively new class of pesticides, and poor nutrition because there's a lack of diversity in crops where they get their pollen. Honeybees pollinate more than 90 of the world's flowering crops, including apples, nuts, broccoli, squash, citrus fruit, berries and melons.

It's getting to the point where many beekeepers can't keep afloat, van Engelsdorp, Pettis and beekeeper Mendes said.

"It's a really wild ride," Mendes said. "It's not a whole lot of fun." □

## Jupiter's Great Red Spot shrinking before our eyes

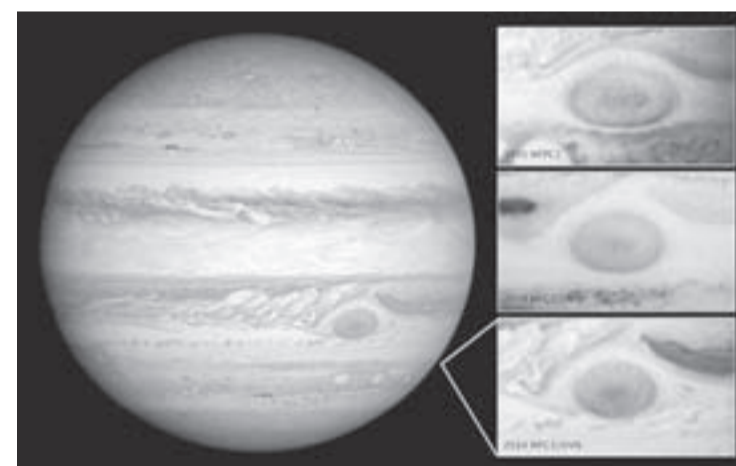
**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Jupiter's Great Red Spot seems to be on a cosmic diet, shrinking rapidly before our eyes.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope calculate that the spot, a giant long-lasting storm, is narrowing by about 580 miles a year, much faster than before.

In the late 1800s the red spot was an oval 25,500 miles (41,000 kilometers) wide. Now it's a circle that's 10,250 miles (16,500 kilometers) across.

Michael Wong, a scientist at the University of California, Berkeley, said the spot is a mystery. Astronomers don't know



This undated composite handout image provided by NASA, taken by the Hubble Space Telescope, shows the planet Jupiter and the Great Red Spot in 2014, left; in 1995, top right; 2009, center right; and 2014, bottom right.

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why it's red or shrinking, or what will happen next. If this pace continues, in 17 years the spot could be gone. Or it could stop at a

smaller size.

Wong said one theory is the spot eats smaller storms, and that it is consuming fewer of them. □

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## Jon Hamm goes wholesome as a sports agent in 'Arm'

JESSICA HERNDON  
AP Film Writer

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — To portray J.B. Bernstein, the sports agent behind the signing of the first two Indian Major Leaguers, Jon Hamm had to act like a noble guy in Disney's based-on-a-true-story "Million Dollar Arm," instead of the cutthroat ad exec he embodies on TV's "Mad Men."

"I've played Don Draper enough," said Hamm during an interview earlier this spring in Las Vegas while promoting the film. "I get a lot of scripts that are a version of Don Draper. But I wanted to play something that had heart."

That's not to say he isn't going to miss playing the notorious TV character. The Matthew Weiner-created series is now in its final season.

"It's going to be difficult to say goodbye," says Hamm. "It's going to be emotional. For most of us it's been career-defining."

After playing Don Draper for seven seasons, Hamm says he still doesn't know how he'd like to see his character's story conclude. "I think there's two answers: one for Don and one for the show," he says. "I think I'm too close to it to

really say what would satisfy me."

When "Mad Men" wraps next year, Hamm says he'd be open to signing on to another series. For now, though, he's focusing on film — mostly of the family-focused variety. Next he'll voice a character in 2015's animated "The Minions," a spin-off to Universal Pictures' "Despicable Me" franchise.

"I'm happy to be involved in something that my friends can take their kids to," says Hamm, who admits he's not sure what a film like "Million Dollar Arm" will do for his career. "Well, I hope it doesn't kill it," jokes the 43-year-old actor.

"When you find out that someone like him is going to play you in a movie, it blows you away because everyone in Hollywood is trying to get him into a part," said Bernstein in a phone interview. "The fact that he related to the journey that I went through was a big honor."

In "Million Dollar Arm," sports agent Bernstein's career is slipping, so he cooks up a plan to travel to India to find a pair of cricket players and turn them into Major League pitchers. After finding his

throwers, Bernstein moves them to the United States to train. It takes a little push from the agent's neighbor — and eventual love interest — Brenda (Lake Bell) for Bernstein to learn to strategize with his heart rather than his wallet.

Indian actors Suraj Sharma ("Life of Pi") and Madhur Mittal ("Slumdog Millionaire") portray ball players Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel, respectively. Both signed contracts with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Patel was hired as a production assistant on "Million Dollar Arm" to teach Sharma and Mittal how to pitch.

Disney pursued Hamm for the role of Bernstein, but when the actor first arrived in Los Angeles from St. Louis in 1995, no studio was pursuing him and he struggled to find work. He took a couple small parts on shows like "Ally McBeal" and "CSI: Miami" before he landed the role in "Mad Men" after auditioning for the part seven times.

"The knock on me was that I wasn't sexy enough to play this character," says Hamm. "But Matt (Weiner) fought very hard for me and I will always owe him for that."

Now a bona fide sex sym-



This Sunday, April 13, 2014 photo shows J. B. Bernstein, left, posing with actor Jon Hamm who plays him in the film "Million Dollar Arm," in Los Angeles.  
Associated Press

bol, Hamm has tough competition when it comes to leading roles. "I have to compete against Christian Bale, Brad Cooper . fill in the blank," he says. "Whenever you move up into a different echelon, it comes with a lot of benefits, but then you have to compete against these guys."

But Hamm acknowledges he's been fortunate to

have a "side career" consisting of comedic roles in films like "Bridesmaids" and comedy series like "Parks and Recreation."

"I've been accepted into the group of weirdoes," he adds. "Part of being Don Draper is that you have a lot of currency in that dramatic side of things, but I hope to be able to bounce back and forth." □

## Carrie Fisher mostly quiet on 'Star Wars' sequel

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Carrie Fisher is excited about her "Star Wars" return, even if she can't say much about it.

The 57-year-old actress said she would "get in trouble" for discussing "Star Wars: Episode VII." Fisher appeared at a party Wednesday celebrating her mother, Debbie Reynolds, whose collection of Hollywood memorabilia is up for auction this weekend.

Production begins this month on Disney's "Star Wars" film by director J.J. Abrams. Fisher said it's "trippy" to make a sequel 35 years later. Fisher's last Millennium Falcon voyage



This April 7, 2011 file photo shows Carrie Fisher at the 2011 NewNowNext Awards in Los Angeles.  
Associated Press

was 1983's "Return of the Jedi."

The original Princess Leia did reveal that she was

asked to lose weight for her upcoming role, saying "they hired me minus 35 pounds (15 kilograms)." □

## Foo Fighters to show making of album on HBO series

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Foo Fighters are headed to the small screen. The rock band said Thursday it will show the making of its new album in a series on HBO. The series will feature the group recording one song in eight cities, including Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. The show and album will premiere in the fall. Bandleader Dave Grohl will direct the series. He received critical acclaim last year for his directorial debut, the music documentary "Sound City." The Foo Fighters recorded tracks for its eighth album in Austin, Texas; Nashville, Tennessee; Seattle; New Orleans; and Washington, D.C. A news release says the songs will



This Jan. 9, 2013 file photo shows musician Dave Grohl poses for a portrait at 606 Sound in Los Angeles.

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include "local legends." The new album is the follow-up to 2011's "Wasting Light," which won five Grammys in 2012, including best rock album. □

# Oprah Winfrey helps Barbara Walters say farewell

**FRAZIER MOORE**

**AP Television Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oprah Winfrey and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton surprised Barbara Walters on Thursday as the legendary news-woman taped her final edition of "The View" to end a five-decade career on television.

Actor Michael Douglas, a longtime friend and frequent subject for Walters' interviews, also dropped by for the tribute, which airs Friday on ABC at 11 a.m. EDT.

Looking smart in a cream-colored blazer and a black skirt, the 84-year-old Walters was presiding over a studio audience of friends, colleagues and fans on hand to witness a bit of history.

Although she will retain a behind-the-scenes role as executive producer of the talk show she created 17 years ago, she is ending her daily on-air involvement, while limiting ABC News appearances to the occasional story or inter-



**This image released by ABC shows, Oprah Winfrey, right, embracing Barbara Walters during a taping of Walters' final co-host appearance on "The View," Thursday, May 15, 2014 in New York. Associated Press**

view.

"I can't believe this day has come, and I can't believe it's for real," Clinton told Walters, who began her career on NBC's "Today" in 1962, then came to ABC in 1976, where her many duties ranged from co-anchoring "20/20" to hosting scores of specials as well as "The View."

Typically, Walters couldn't let Clinton get away with-

out fielding the question on so many minds: Is she running for president in 2016? "I am running," smiled Clinton. "Around the park." A bit later, Douglas brought the subject up again with Walters.

"If Hillary runs," he said, "I bet you'd be a great vice president."

Some of the best moments happened during commercial breaks, never to be

seen by viewers. Then audience members could snap photos and interact with Walters and her co-panelists (Whoopi Goldberg, Sherri Shepherd and Jenny McCarthy).

At one point Walters, spying the New York Knicks' J.R. Smith in the stands, broke up the room by telling him that, now, with retirement, "I just want you to know I'm buying the Clippers."

The audience erupted at the sight of Winfrey, who told Walters, "You're the reason I wanted to be in television."

"You shattered the glass ceiling for so many women," said Winfrey, who then brought on a startling parade of them, some two dozen prominent on-air women including Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric, Robin Roberts, Gayle King, Connie Chung and Joan Lunden.

"You are my legacy," Walters, visibly moved, said to them as they crowded around her onstage.

The hour had its comic twist: In a pre-taped seg-

ment, Walters (who, after all, has interviewed everybody else) lobbed some questions at herself, in the person of former "Saturday Night Live" player Cheri Oteri doing a spot-on Walters imitation.

Barbara asked faux-Barbara what she plans to do in retirement, drawing the response that she means to do some things she never had time for in the past. For example: "I'd like to get a Costco card."

Walters brought the hour to a close with a heartfelt statement looking back with amazement on her career, then signing off with a pledge to "take a deep breath and enjoy my 'View.'"

But a more telling moment took place during a break, as the throng of women she had paved the way for posed with her for a group portrait. It was a remarkable tableau.

"I have to remember this on the bad days," Walters said quietly, "because this is the best." □



**St. Louis Rams seventh-round draft pick Michael Sam listens to a question during a news conference at the NFL football team's practice facility Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in St. Louis. Associated Press**

## Oprah's network plans series on NFL's Michael Sam

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Oprah Winfrey Network says it plans to produce a documentary series following the life of Michael Sam, the first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team.

The series will take an up-close look at the man recently drafted by the St. Louis Rams in a ground-

breaking moment in professional sports. Cameras will follow the former University of Missouri football player as he works to earn a spot on the Rams while under a media microscope.

Sam says he hopes his story can lead others to accept who they are and go for their dreams. □

## Rush Limbaugh wins children's book award



**This May 14, 2012 file photo shows conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh speaking during a ceremony inducting him into the Hall of Famous Missourians in the state Capitol in Jefferson City, Mo. Associated Press**

**HILLEL ITALIE**

**AP National Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Rush Limbaugh has won a children's book prize designed to be chosen by kids themselves.

But that doesn't mean all of his voters were young people.

On Wednesday night, Limbaugh received the Children's Choice Book Award for author of the year, defeating such superstars as Veronica Roth, Rick Riordan and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" writer Jeff Kinney, the winner in 2012 and 2013. The conservative commen-

tator won for "Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims," a book that landed on the best-seller lists of Amazon.com and other outlets despite limited mainstream coverage.

Nominees for best author are determined by how many copies their books sell, while the winners are supposedly picked by kids, who vote online. But executive director Robin Adelson of the Children's Book Council and Every Child a Reader, nonprofit organizations that co-founded the awards seven years ago, acknowledged Thursday that adults could easily vote and vote multiple times, a problem not uncommon for Internet competitions.

"Every one of our finalists gets fake votes every year." □

## Science VS Taxes



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In the United States, most of the controversy over Pfizer's \$101 billion bid for AstraZeneca has been about the potential tax consequences. Pfizer pays about 27 percent of its income in corporate taxes. But if it were to succeed in taking over its British rival - and so far, at least, AstraZeneca has shown zero interest in the idea - it would be able to conduct a maneuver called "inversion," becoming a British company and paying the British corporate tax rate of 20 percent. It would also be able to access cash that resides overseas, which would be taxed at the U.S. rate of 35 percent if it were repatriated into this country.

As I discovered during a recent trip to London, however, taxes are low on the list of issues for the Brits. Instead, Britain is primarily worried about whether Pfizer, with its reputation for ruthless cost-cutting, will cut the heart out of AstraZeneca's multibillion-dollar annual research-and-development budget and, in so doing, diminish Britain's standing as a scientific powerhouse.

The alarms have been sounded in editorial pages, by politicians, and by leading British scientists. When the top executives of the two companies appear before Parliament over the next two days, tough questions about science, not taxes, are the ones they are most likely to be asked. In truth, scientific innovation probably won't be affected whether or not Pfizer takes over AstraZeneca. The story of Big Pharma since the golden age of the 1990s - the so-called blockbuster era, in which one billion-dollar drug after another came to market - has been a struggle for relevance. "They've picked all the low hanging fruit," said Barry Werth, the author of "The Antidote," a book about what he calls "new pharma," the small biotech companies that have sprung up in places like Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Cambridge, England.

As the blockbusters lost their patent protection - allowing the cheaper generics to kick in - the big pharmaceutical companies have had enormous difficulties replacing their pipeline of drugs through R&D alone. Instead, they have taken to either buying each other, or partnering with the more innovative biotech companies, offering the one thing they still

have: major marketing muscle. Take Pfizer, which over the past 14 years has acquired Warner-Lambert, Pharmacia and Wyeth. Before Pfizer took over Wyeth in 2009, according to John LaMattina, who writes about Big Pharma for Forbes.com, the two companies spent around \$13 billion in combined research and development. Last year, Pfizer spent \$6.55 billion. "Effectively, Pfizer eliminated 50 percent of what the individual organizations had spent five years earlier," LaMattina wrote recently.

Has this cutback slowed down innovation? It has not. But innovation is being driven by a different kind of company. The sequencing of the human genome has opened up entirely new areas of research and entirely new kinds of medicine. For instance, scientists can use biomarkers to target disease population subsets. "Even in oncology, we are getting at such a better understanding, it is almost like a lock in a key," said Mark Schoenebaum, head of health care research for International Strategy and Investment. The hottest area in cancer drugs right now is something called immuno-oncology. AstraZeneca has a foothold in that area, as do Bristol-Myers Squibb and others. How did they get there? In part, by buying smaller companies. Big Pharma is hardly going to disappear. But it is unlikely to be the cradle of innovation again. AstraZeneca has a better pipeline than Pfizer, but British science will do just fine no matter how this battle plays out. American science will, too.

A note to readers:

My April 29 column, titled "Buffett Bites Back," was based on a faulty premise. Having written a previous column criticizing Warren Buffett for abstaining from voting against Coca-Cola's equity compensation plan even though he said it was excessive, I picked up on an interview that was posted April 28 by Fortune magazine. In the introduction to the interview, the Fortune writer, Stephen Gandel, mentioned the "wave of criticism" that had been unleashed by Buffett's decision. He specifically mentioned my column.

That's why I assumed that the interview had taken place days after my first column was published, and why I chose the headline "Buffett Bites Back" for my next column. But he wasn't biting back. In fact, Gandel conducted his interview April 23, the day of the Coca-Cola annual meeting - and before I had even written my previous column. In that same introduction, Gandel also wrote that Buffett had defended himself to Fortune "shortly after the Coke vote." Inexplicably, I didn't pick up on that.

Although The Times published a strong correction, Margaret Sullivan, the public editor, wrote that she didn't think it went far enough because my column was "so intrinsically flawed." Upon reflection, I agree with her. I sincerely regret the error. □



## The Problem With Confidence



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The current issue of The Atlantic carries a fascinating summary of "The Confidence Code" by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman. The essay runs through the evidence suggesting that women tend to have too little self-confidence. When asked how well they did on tests, women tend to estimate that they got fewer answers correct than they actually did. In one British study, a business school professor asked students how much they would deserve to earn five years after graduation. The women's estimates were 20 percent lower than the men's. It's interesting to read the evidence as a guy, especially if you're a self-aggrandizing pundit who covers politics and public life. I almost never see problems caused by underconfidence, but I see (and create) problems related to overconfidence every day.

Much of the recent psychological research also suggests that overconfidence is our main cognitive problem, not the reverse. Daniel Kahneman's book "Thinking, Fast and Slow" describes an exhaustive collection of experiments demonstrating how often people come to conclusions confidently and wrongly. When asked to estimate if more murders happen in Detroit or in Michigan, most people give higher estimates for Detroit even though every murder in Detroit also happens in

Michigan.

Dan Ariely's work shows how consistently we overpraise our virtues and rationalize our faults so we can think too highly of ourselves. Most of us call ourselves honest. But, in fact, most people regularly cheat in small ways, when the situation is right.

So my first reaction when reading of female underconfidence is not simply that this is a problem. It's to ask, how can we inject more of this self-doubt and self-policing into the wider culture. How can each of us get a better mixture of "female" self-doubt and "male" self-assertion?

But my second reaction is to notice that people are phenomenally terrible at estimating their own self-worth. Some Americans seem to value themselves ridiculously too little while others value themselves ridiculously too highly.

The self-help books try to boost the "confidence" part of self-confidence, but the real problem is the "self" part. The self, as writers have noticed for centuries, is an unstable, fickle, vain and variable thing. Hundreds of years ago, David Hume noticed that when he tried to enter into what he called his most intimate self, he always stumbled on some particular perception or another. He never could catch himself without a perception of something else, and he never could see himself, only the perception.

When you try to come up with a feeling for self-confidence, you are trying to peer into a myriad of ever-changing mental systems, most of them below the level of awareness. Instead of coming up with a real thing, which can reliably be called self-confidence, you're just conjuring an abstraction. In the very act of trying to think about self-confidence, your vanity is creating this ego that is unstable and ethereal, and is thus painfully fragile, defensive, boasting and sensitive to sleights.

If you want to talk about something real, it's probably a

mistake to use a suspect concept like self-confidence, which is self-oriented. It's probably a better idea to think about competence, which is task-oriented. If you ask, "Am I competent?" at least you are measuring yourself according to the standards of a specific domain.

The person with the self-confidence mindset starts thinking about his own intrinsic state. The person who sees herself as the instrument for performing a task thinks about some external thing that needs doing. The person with the confidence mindset is like the painfully self-conscious person at a dinner party who asks, "How am I coming across?" The person with an instrumentalist mindset is serving a craft and asks "What does this specific job require?" The person with a confidence mindset is told "Believe in yourself." This arouses all sorts of historical prejudices and social stereotypes. The person with an instrumentalist mindset is told "Look accurately at what you have done."

One of the hard things in life is learning to ask questions that you can actually answer. For example, if you are thinking about taking a job, it's probably foolish to ask, "What future opportunities will this lead to?" You can't know. It's probably better to ask, "Will going to this workplace be rewarding day to day?" which is more concrete. If you are getting married, it's probably foolish to ask an unknowable question like, "Will this person make me happy for 50 years?" It's probably smarter to ask, "Is this person admirable enough that I want to live my life as an offering to them?" You can at least glimpse another's habits here and now.

Similarly, if you start thinking about your self-confidence, you will just be inventing a self-referential story. It's probably easier to go through life focusing on what specifically needs doing, rooted in a set of external obligations and criteria and thus quieting the self. □



Questlove, of the Roots, presents songs from their new album, "... and then you shoot your cousin," at the Public Theater in New York, May 13, 2014. The album is a brief, bleak collection of songs haunted by the desperate, self-destructive cycles of poverty and by thoughts of death and God.

(Ruby Washington/The New York Times)

## A Haunting History Lesson With Your Hip-Hop

**JON PARELES**

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**NEW YORK** - Conundrum, provocation, history lesson, ritual, chamber recital, jazz concert, elegy - the Roots' performance at the Public Theater on Tuesday night was decidedly not a standard kickoff for a hip-hop album. That was clear when, near the beginning of the show, balloon animals were dropped onto the stage, covering it knee-deep; for the rest of the performance, each entrance and exit was accompanied by balloons popping underfoot like gunshots. Dozens of nooses also hung overhead.

The Roots are to release their 11th album, "... and

then you shoot your cousin" (Def Jam), next week. It's a brief, bleak collection of songs haunted by the desperate, self-destructive cycles of poverty and by thoughts of death and God. The music draws on gospel, soul, chamber music, electronic noise and free jazz, along with brittle hip-hop samples. Songs from the album were heard Tuesday night primarily as recordings from the disc-jockey setup - laptop and turntables - of the Roots' leader, Questlove (Ahmir Thompson). The Roots' main rapper, Black Thought (Tarik Trotter), delivered poetic monologues instead, including one that telescoped African-American history from slavery to the

present.

Questlove has thought deeply and broadly about black culture. He remains idealistic about the potential role of hip-hop, even as much current hip-hop endorses shallow materialism, and he determinedly places the Roots' hip-hop in the lineage of forward-looking, socially conscious black music; the concert also featured recordings of Albert Ayler, James Brown, Nina Simone and Abbey Lincoln.

The musicians weren't the same Roots band seen regularly on NBC's "Tonight" show with Jimmy Fallon. They included the Metropolis Ensemble - conductor Andrew Cyr, a string quartet and four singers - and

jazz pianist D.D. Jackson, who wrote dramatic, somberly dissonant arrangements for the ensemble. Jackson also hurled crashing free-jazz clusters and tremolos in a duet with Questlove on drums. Jeremy Ellis tapped out some two-handed workouts from a sampler, and near the beginning of the concert, there was a primordial drone from Craig Harris on didgeridoo, joined by the percussive vocals of Rahzel, a pioneering beatboxer. Two male dancers also appeared, break dancing amid the balloons.

It was a miscellany of grim tidings and stubborn determination, of sounds both earthy and avant-garde, of bitter realities and elec-

tronic hallucinations. Songs from the album concluded with "Tomorrow," a resolutely optimistic tune with the recorded voice of Raheem DeVaughn declaring himself "thankful to be alive."

The Roots followed it with words from a Sun Ra recording - "If you're not a myth, whose reality are you?" (and vice versa) - and then the kind of finale that might be expected from a Roots concert: the appearance of the band's lead guitarist, Captain Kirk Douglas, to wail and shred through a climactic version of Funkadelic's "Maggot Brain." This performance wasn't the rollout of a consumer product; it was joining a cultural continuum. □